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'It's immoral': Boris must stop sending vulnerable children here

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COUNTY Hall leader Paul Carter has demanded urgent talks with London mayor Boris Johnson over the escalating crisis of the capital's councils dumping vulnerable children in Kent.

Staggering numbers of looked-after children from outside of the county are continuously placed in care homes or with foster carers in Kent, with figures reaching almost 1,300.

The concerns are not only about the disruption caused to the youngsters – who are moved miles from familiar surroundings – but of the extraordinary pressure on the county's resources, which already support more than 1,600 Kent-born children.

Fears have also been raised over the ability of a London council, as the corporate parent, to safeguard such children, who are at particular risk of being exploited by sex-grooming networks.

Cllr Carter has written to the Mayor of London demanding a summit of London councils and representatives from Kent. He hopes to reach an agreement on how to find foster carers and residential children's home placements in the capital.

He has also written to children's commissioner Maggie Atkinson to highlight the need for all councils to place children closer to home, unless in exceptional cases.

"Being taken into care is probably the most traumatic thing that can happen to a child," said Cllr Carter.

"Children in care deserve a better deal and all councils must work much harder to provide placements that enable them to remain in their schools and with their

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CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES PINNED ON EBAY SALE

RALLYING: Louise Cook sells her trophies so she can race in New Zealand – **SEE SPORT**

TRANSPORT

Extra £6m for roads repairs

AN additional £6 million has been put aside by officials at Kent County Council for roads repairs following the weeks of heavy rain. The cash came from extra savings made by County Hall as its looks to take millions off its outgoings in the face of reduced government grants. **PAGE 6**

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Kent County Show preview

THE annual Kent County Show is just a month away, and we preview some of the fun and attractions that will be on offer this year. Organisers promise there will be something for all the family, and there are a range of new events on offer in addition to traditional livestock displays. **PAGE 15**

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Singing in the rain for KCCC

THE torrid weather has been as frustrating for Kent's players as it has been for the fans, and to keep spirits up in the dressing room captain Rob Key took the lead in some musical fun. And the enforced break has kept the players fresh for today's t20 clash against Beckenham. **PAGE 79**

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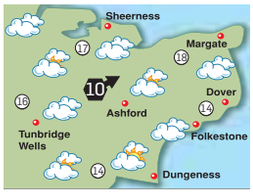

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TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	10.42	5.9	22.56	6.0
Margate	11.40	4.3	23.54	4.3
St Mary's	04.03	4.8	16.26	5.0

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Max 19C	Min 12C
Tuesday	Max 19C	Min 10C
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SOCIAL SERVICES

'It is a melting pot of disaster for those youngsters'

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friends, unless there is a threat to their safety.

"This will minimise disruption in their lives and protect the wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable children."

He said while there are good reasons to place some children far away, there are still too many vulnerable youngsters moved miles from home.

Cllr Carter and cabinet member for specialist children's services Cllr Jenny Whittle met children's minister Tim Loughton to demand new legislation.

They called for a statutory obligation for local authorities to place children no more than 15 miles from home or school, unless by exception, and asked that all councils be made to provide an annual statement detailing how many children were placed outside the boundary.

They also demanded that all 32 London councils jointly commission fostering and children's home placements in the capital to reduce "extraordinary pressure" on Kent's public agencies.

The county already supports 1,790 looked-after children who are from the county, including 181 unaccompanied asylum seekers.

There are 63 privately registered children's homes and 32 independent fostering providers in the county, catering for 803 children placed by London councils and other authorities as far away as Manchester.

Coastal towns are hit particularly hard by the influx, as care costs are often lower.

Once a child is moved to the area, KCC bears the cost of education, which can be as much as £500,000 per youngster.

Head of Hartsdown Technology College in Margate Andy Somers, who is chair of the Thanet Heads Group, has also called on the London Mayor to address the problem.

Thanet is particularly hard hit and Mr Somers said it was reaching crisis point.

"The whole practice is just immoral," he said.

"It is cynical because on the face of it vulnerable children are being moved to 'a nice place by the seaside' – but the reality is they are being sent to an area of high social deprivation and poverty, with high crime and limited job opportunities.

"It is a melting pot for disaster for those vulnerable youngsters who are then at greater risk than if they had stayed in their own communities.

"It is hugely unfair on the children who have little time for social readjustment when they are uprooted and placed in a different setting. These are usually very vulnerable children who need a lot of care.

"London boroughs receive considerably more finance to run their schools and should allocate their own money to care for looked-after children, instead of stretching the resources of schools like those in Thanet.

"It causes our area considerable financial and social problems, as well as further undermining the ability of our secondary schools to meet the National Challenge benchmark set by the Government."

ENVIRONMENT

More trees to be felled as inspectors discover invading beetle has spread

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THE infestation of the Asian longhorn beetle in Paddock Wood is worse than originally suspected.

The beetle is lethal to trees – its young are buried deep inside trunks, and when they hatch, they have to literally eat their way out.

This quickly leaves the inside of the tree destroyed.

The bad news is the only solution is chopping the trees down. The really bad news is that the longhorn can spread like wildfire, and that is what seems to be happening at Paddock Wood.

It is suspected the beetle originally arrived on lorries carrying containers from Asia.

A felling programme was started earlier this year, but experts say it has not been completely successful.

The Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) is an executive agency of Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. It said as a result of the felling programme so far carried out in response to the UK's first outbreak of Asian longhorn beetle, an infested tree has been confirmed towards the northern limit of the current infestation zone.

This means that the zone has been extended by a further 100 metres with additional felling required within the extended area.

INFESTATION: The invading Asian longhorn beetle lays its eggs deep inside trees

This has now affected a much larger area around Paddock Wood.

Larvae were discovered in a tree after it had been felled, confirming the need to cut down potential host trees in the infested zone.

To date, survey work has confirmed 65 trees in the zone have been found to be infested, this number is part of more than 1,300 infested and potential host trees felled within the infestation zone.

Removal and incineration of trees from the extended area is expected to begin this week, and the felling operation in this area should be complete by the end of the month.

It is suggested eggs in the extended area were laid last year, rather than earlier, supporting the view the tree is close to the limit of the infested area.

This means there remains a good chance the outbreak can be contained and eradicated, although further survey work will be necessary to confirm the position, said Fera.

However, the public can still help and if you spot an Asian longhorn beetle, or evidence of its presence you can contact the Fera Plant Health Helpline 0844 2480071 or email planthealth.info@fera.gsi.gov.uk.

If possible, the beetle should be caught and placed in a secure container so that an inspector can collect it.

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ENVIRONMENT

Wave of reprisals after beaches hit by sewage leaks allowed to reopen

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Picture: PAUL JERREAT

REOPENED: Beaches on the Thanet coastline were closed for nine days because of the raw sewage leak

SEWAGE may have stopped being pumped into the sea, but it's started to hit the fan as Thanet faces up to the fallout from the pollution leak that closed all its beaches.

While business leaders are keen to move on from the incident, Southern Water is still facing the possibility of prosecution, and the town hall has been fiercely criticised.

The shores around Thanet reopened on Tuesday after water quality levels were deemed safe by the Environment Agency, but nine days of closures damaged businesses and the isle's coastal reputation.

Raw sewage was pumped into the Channel on three separate occasions when Southern Water's Foreness Point plant was unable to cope with heavy rain after its pumping system failed and threatened to flood homes.

The sea was closed to bathers from Bank Holiday Monday, but Thanet South MP Laura Sandys accused the council of "failing to implement a proper action plan".

She said: "I have received numerous complaints from constituents over the lack of red flags or prominent warning signs on beaches. It is shocking that children swam in the sea over the weekend because families were unaware of the leaking sewage.

"Thanet District Council will need to consider how they can best improve their communication with the public."

However, the council's director of operational services, Mark Seed, said: "The safety of beach users is a priority and our work is dedicated to ensuring no-one has their health or well being compromised.

"By working closely with the Environment Agency we acted as swiftly and efficiently as we could. Cleansing crews and RNLI lifeguards were alerted immediately and teams were deployed at first light the next day to begin the major clean-up operation.

"Red flags were raised on all RNLI lifeguarded beaches and initial signage was placed by Southern Water on all other non-lifeguarded beaches. To ensure the message was clear, the council then placed an additional 200 signs across the coastline and spoke directly with a number of beach concessions and businesses.

"Thanet is an area that is celebrated for its award-winning beautiful sandy beaches, so this incident in our eyes was completely unacceptable."

The reopening of the beaches has been welcomed by businesses, who say the closures could have hit the local economy to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

President of Broadstairs and St Peter's Chamber of Commerce Malcolm Cox said: "At the moment, it is still fresh in the minds of people so there will be some who are reluctant to go down there with their kids, but give it a couple of weeks and people will be swarming again."

Southern Water said: "We are pleased the council has reopened the beaches for bathers. We continue to monitor the beach as part of the clean-up operation."

But the company may be in further trouble if the Environment Agency decides to prosecute it for dumping sewage into the sea without needing to.

Senior environment officer at the agency Jon Griffin said it was too early to discuss legal proceedings, and the investigation could take up to seven months.

He added: "We have got reassurances from Southern Water that this has been completely fixed and the station is running back to normal so it shouldn't overflow again."

He didn't believe there would be a long-term effect on the isle's sea as the polluted water has now diluted and dispersed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dad and son arsonists

A FATHER and son caught trying to set fire to Amco supermarket in Queen Street, Ramsgate, have been jailed. William Cairns, 58, and Ashley Cairns, 24, were caught by police pouring petrol through a broken window. Cairns senior, of Eaton Road, Margate, denied conspiracy to cause arson but was found guilty. Ashley Cairns, of Lewis Crescent, Cliftonville, admitted conspiracy to cause arson. William Cairns was jailed for four years and his son for two years and eight months.

Neighbours' meltdown

PROPOSALS for a nuclear waste storage facility on Romney Marsh have been opposed by neighbouring East Sussex County Council. Shepway District Council is consulting on plans to build an underground nuclear research and development facility. However, the leader of East Sussex council leader Peter Jones said: "We believe the plan doesn't stack up and has many unknowns including geology, economic benefit, infrastructure and community support."

Serial sex attacker

A MAN has been found guilty of sexually abusing eight victims over 40 years. James David Mitchell, 55, of Invicta Road, Sheerness, was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court after a nine-week trial. Mitchell denied all 35 charges, but was found guilty of 26 offences. These included three charges of rape, eight of indecent assault, one of gross indecency, three of sexual activity with a child, and 11 other serious sexual offences. Police launched an investigation in December, 2010, when the first allegations against Mitchell were made. He will be sentenced at a later date.

POLITICS

Syrian dictator's sympathisers hack town councillor's website

A TOWN councillor who Tweeted messages calling for the conflict in Syria to end has been left stunned after his personal website was hacked, apparently by sympathisers of the Middle East regime.

A group calling itself Syria Storm took over the site which detailed Cllr Ben Hart's work for Lydd Town Council.

He was amazed someone thought his views were important enough to deserve the attack.

Cllr Hart, from Lydd, said: "I just don't understand it. I have spoken about Syria on Twitter, but mentioned nothing on my own website. I am not intimidated by the attack, and it has given me the chance to go back and redesign it as I was intending to do anyway."

The homepage was left with a black background, a picture of Syrian dictator President Bashar al-Assad, and the message that it had been "HaCk3d By Syrian Storm".

The webpage has since been removed with a message that it is down for maintenance.

The 23-year-old Labour councillor said: "I know I am not a threat to this regime so I wonder why I have been chosen for this attack.

"The Twitter comments I have made were simply to raise awareness of what is happening.

"It is only what I said on Twitter that they took offence at. The attack just came out of the blue."

Foreign secretary William Hague has said Syria is heading for civil war. British human rights observers are helping document the "grotesque crimes" of the Assad regime which are said to have included massacres of children.

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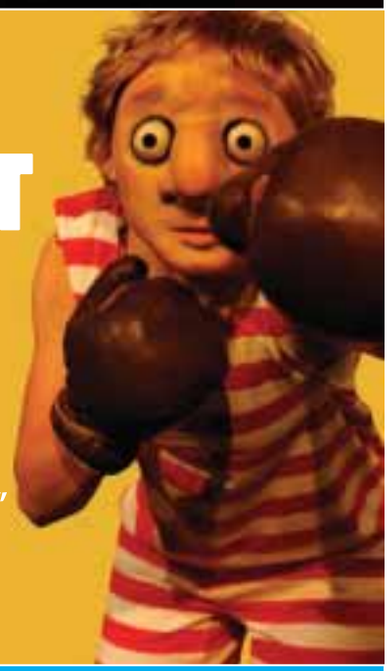

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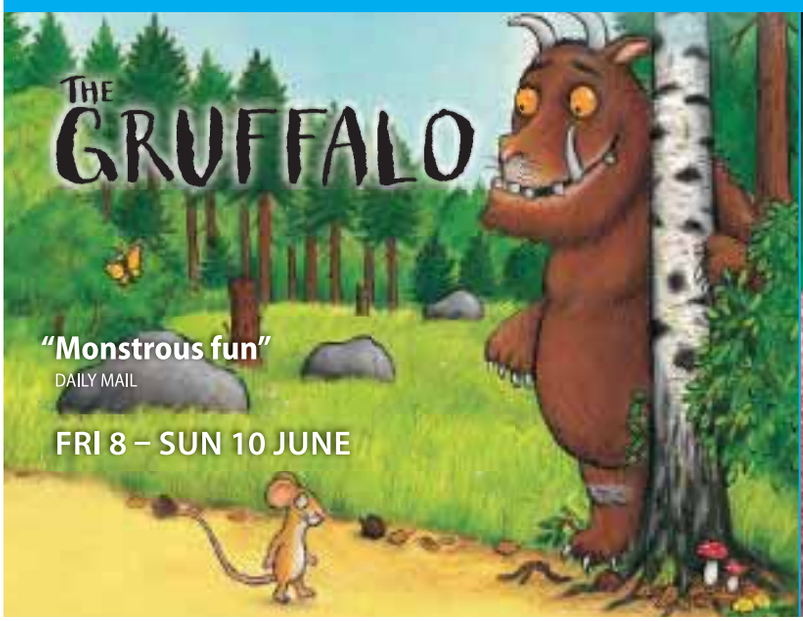

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CAMPAIGN

Cameron hints at Heathrow U-turn that could scupper estuary airport

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THE debate over a proposed airport in the Thames Estuary raged on this week with political heavyweights joinging the fight and Prime Minister David Cameron hinting at a controversial U-turn over plans for a third runway at Heathrow.

Former transport secretary Lord Adonis kick-started the latest discussions during an international conference for the Institute of Travel and Tourism, where he branded the estuary airport plan a "non-starter".

The Labour peer said there were numerous problems with the proposal and warned the risk of bird strike could halt the process altogether.

Speaking at the conference in Barbados, he said the outlined cost of £50bn for architect Lord Foster's Isle of Grain plan was likely to double and that it would take a large amount of work to secure such funding.

He stressed that political parties should get around a table and seriously look at how to deal with the problem of airport capacity.

"They should set up an independent inquiry which would represent political parties and look at all three suggestions of a third runway at Heathrow, expansion at Gatwick and Stansted, or the Thames Estuary airport," he said.

Instead, the Government seems to be stalling over when the anticipated aviation review is going ahead.

Last month, this newspaper reported confusion in Whitehall, where neither the Department for Transport nor Kent's MPs knew when the review and consultation – which was initially planned for March but delayed – is to be held. Despite reports it will go ahead next month, the Government is yet to confirm a date and fears are mounting it could be postponed even longer.

With pressure from campaign groups and MPs, however, it is unlikely ministers can delay setting a date for too long.

The contentious aviation issue was raised again this week by MP for Richmond Park and North Kingston Zac Goldsmith, who threatened to resign should the Tory party support a third runway at Heathrow.

He questioned the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, calling for reassurance there would be no third runway. But Mr Cameron refused to rule out expansion.

The Prime Minister said: "While the Coalition's position has not changed, we must not be blind to considerations about how we expand airport capacity."

This is likely to give a glimmer of hope to campaigners fearful of plans for an estuary airport. If a third runway is built, a hub in the estuary is unlikely to go ahead.

Closer to home, a battle raged between Kent County Council and MP for Tonbridge and Malling Sir John Stanley.

The veteran Tory said KCC had gone against the party's commitment to oppose expansion at Gatwick.

In its recently launched Bold Steps for Aviation, KCC recommends the Government look at the possibility of a second runway at Gatwick after 2019.

Sir John warned of the "environmentally devastating consequences" and the impact it would have on his west Kent constituents who live under the flight path.

In a letter to Tory leader Paul Carter, he said it was a matter of "deep disquiet and disappointment" and stressed the council should have waited for the outcome of the national review before releasing the document.

The council also came under fire from Kent Green Party for pushing ahead with its discussion document.

Campaigns officer Dr Hazel Dawe said the party was "unimpressed" that KCC had not waited for the results of the Government's consultation on aviation.

"It has launched its own discussion document, Bold Steps for Aviation, with remarkably little regard for domestic tourism in Kent and Medway or the environment," she said. "KCC proposes a massive plan of rail expansion to serve airports, when Kent commuters do not have enough carriages for weekday rush-hour travel.

"They propose expansion of Lydd and Manston Airports, despite economic problems at both. They support a second runway for Gatwick, despite the noise and pollution implications for west Kent. Their only restraint is in opposing an estuary airport."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Village hall competition

THE hunt is on to find the Village Hall of the Year in Kent and Medway. It is not to reward the newest, largest, or best equipped hall, but for one which demonstrates the best approach to working with its community and is well managed. An entry form can be downloaded from the Action with Communities in Rural Kent website at www.ruralkent.org.uk. The winner gets £500 and a trophy, plus a runner up will win a copy of the Avalon Booking Systems software.

Armed Forces weekend

BRITAIN'S Got Talent stars the Jive Aces are appearing at the Armed Forces weekend at Pencester Gardens, Dover, on June 23-24. It is organised by the Hellfire Corner Association, and other entertainment comes from Cody Boogie Boy, and Duo. There will be stalls, and also Cadet forces from all the main cadets in the town, culminating in the annual tent competition. The event is free and runs from 10am-5pm. Details at www.hellfirecorner.com.

Win a Father's Day car

CANTERBURY'S Whitefriars shopping centre is offering dads the chance to win a new Vauxhall Zafira Tourer over Father's Day weekend in a competition run with Vauxhall dealership Perrys. For a donation of £1, participants can guess the secret six-digit combination of a safe. If they guess the correct number, the safe will open and they can drive away in the brand new seven-seater family car worth more than £24,000.

ECONOMY

Concerns over steel firm sale

HOPES of an immediate jobs bonanza after a buyer was found for Thamesteel may be premature following concerns about funding.

Administrators at accounting firm Mazars said that a new company, Sheerness Steel Ltd, had purchased the site.

The company has been created by previous owners, the Saudi Arabia-based Al-Tuwairqi Group.

The administrators said: "The sale will mean steel production on the site at Sheerness can recommence with, hopefully, the recreation of a large number of the jobs lost when the company entered administration on January 25, 2012."

But now reports are suggesting Sheerness Steel is looking for investment, sparking concerns that plans to reopen the steelworks rest on securing funding in a far from stable financial market.

The Community Trade Union is meeting with Sheerness Steel to discuss the plans on Monday.

Spokesman Ryan Slaughter said: "We are concerned. We want production to start as soon as possible, a lot of people want jobs."

Up to 400 jobs were lost when Thamesteel folded.

MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Gordon Henderson, expressed the same fears and said he "doesn't want to boost people's hopes".

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HIGHWAYS

Extra £6m to be spent on roads as KCC beats budget cut target

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MILLIONS of pounds saved through cutbacks at County Hall will be invested in protecting roads following the prolonged spell of wet weather.

Highways chiefs at Kent County Council said the authority had to protect roads, particularly after the significant investment made to fix potholes caused by the big freeze in 2010.

It was agreed that £6 million would be added to the rolling budget reserve for highways from a forecast £16.2m under-spend – excluding schools spending – at the council, which is being saved as part of a four-year plan to save more than £300m.

"We've done excellent work with highways and if we don't consolidate that and this rotten weather continues, it could undermine all the work we've done," said cabinet member for finance, Cllr John Simmonds.

"We know that over the next two or three years we are going to have to manage on less money.

"It is absolutely important that we continue to be prudent. This isn't a spending spree, it's so we don't end up spending unnecessary money on potholes."

CASH: A saving of £6 million means more money can be spent to improve our roads

Members agreed that due to the prolonged spell of rain, the £6m should be put aside for roads to stop a backlog of maintenance work.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Bryan Sweetland said it was pleasing more money was being invested in the network.

"Here in Kent we have 5,000 miles of roads and 7,000 of pavements and footways – that's a huge asset we need to keep on top of," he said. "Last year we secured a £6.2m grant from government partly to repair potholes, which was done successfully.

"The remainder, about half, was used for resurfacing and this extra £6m will also be used for resurfacing, not for potholes, but for proper resurfacing, new road surfaces and to look at some pavements that we've got to bring up to standard.

"We would need many times that amount to look at all of Kent's roads, but I think this is a good use of money and is welcomed."

Some £2m of the predicted under-spend is also to be set aside for investment in technology and communications to improve communication with the public.

A business plan is due to be drawn up and, if successful, the funds will be used to implement the proposals. Early indications suggest that in the long term improved communications could save the authority as much as £20m.

Commenting on the under-spend and finance update, leader of KCC Cllr Paul Carter said: "The finance team has done extraordinarily well.

"There were a lot of sceptics at the beginning of the financial year who said our budget was undeliverable and that we wouldn't deliver it in line with expectations, but we've done that and a little more."

In an update on the council's finances it was revealed that so far 1,196 posts have been cut from the 1,500 anticipated over the four years.

Of those, 605 staff were made redundant.

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Festival's new era after police row

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THE founder of one of Kent's best-loved music festivals says he was close to throwing in the towel after police criticisms of its running last year.

And he says officers held him "to ransom", insisting both he and his co-founder stepped down from running Lounge on the Farm or see the plug pulled on the three-day extravaganza in Canterbury.

The festival, which ran without incident for five years before last summer's event, was blasted by police who said there were an "extreme amount of incidents". Yet there were just 20 reported crimes in a crowd of 10,000. Although concerns were raised over the number of young drinkers on the site.

Coupled with issues about traffic around the venue at Merton Farm, police tried to get the event's licence revoked ahead of this year's event.

However, after months of negotiations, the festival secured permission to continue – but only after Sean Baker and his business partner Victoria Hazell agreed to step down and allow an outside production company to run the event.

It left Mr Baker fuming.

He explained this week: "The negative headlines upset me. There were 20 reported crimes – what the police described as a 100 per cent increase. That meant just 10 crimes the year before, but they blew it up like a major crimewave.

"The majority of those incidents were things like lost mobile phones which people report as stolen so you can claim on your insurance. It was all blown out of proportion.

"The police said we couldn't run it anymore. So we said what about the previous five years when there's been no issue?

"We've had to get a production company in, which is more expense and really hurtful. The police put the blame on us – we were the scapegoats."

Mr Baker admits there were some issues over youngsters on the site, but he says this year the amount of youth tickets have been dramatically cut and the festival will focus on being a family event, as well as beefing up security.

The business partners are still involved, booking bands and creating the look and feel of the site – but management firm Event Umbrella, based in Whitstable, will be in charge over the weekend, and were responsible for ironing out issues with the police and council.

Mr Baker added: "One thing we won't miss is the running around like headless chickens over festival weekend.

"But it was our baby.

"What particularly upset me is we were told by a PC, not even someone high up, they wanted to get rid of the festival.

"It was only when the likes of MP Julian Brazier and the city council said it was a good thing and should be given one more chance, they relented. But the police didn't want it."

The police, however, say their only concern is safety.

Chief Inspector Steve Barlow, Canterbury District Commander, said: "We are very supportive of the wide range of events in the district, but we have a duty to ensure they are planned and managed appropriately to maximise safety and minimise any negative impact.

"There were a number of problems at, and linked to, last year's event which caused us concern, and therefore we requested a review of the licence.

"We have worked with the organisers and, as a result, they have addressed the concerns raised and we are confident they are planning a safe and well managed event. "

■ **Lounge on the Farm runs from July 6-8. Tickets are available, although is is expected it to sell out. See www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk for details.**

Archant KOS Media, publishers of this newspaper, are once again media partners of the event.

A VERY KENTISH WEEKEND

DESCRIBING itself as part fete, part festival, organisers of Lounge on the Farm are keen to put as much emphasis on its local roots and reliance on local produce as its big-name line-up.

Those running food and drink stalls at the site are required to use Kentish suppliers or wholesalers, and all musical equipment is sourced from within the county.

Headliners this year include the multi-million selling Emeli Sande, and indie rockers The Charlatans and The Wombats. Also on the bill are Chic and the reformed Dexys.

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JUBILEE

Thousands of photos create picture perfect portrait of the Queen

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A PHOTO mosaic of the Queen that is the size of a double-decker bus is on display this weekend.

The incredible artwork was created by Helen Marshall for BBC South East Today to celebrate the Jubilee.

It will be on show at Margate's Turner Contemporary, which is one of the few galleries in Kent big enough to cope with the sheer size of the piece.

It will be less than a year since the Queen herself visited the new gallery.

The artwork is made up of more than 50,000 photos sent in by viewers. Using the basic colour of the snap, Marshall used a special computer programme to map out the pictures to create images of the Queen as she is now, and as she was during the coronation.

The work is called The People's Monarch.

One person who donated a picture is Philippa Wilson from New Romney. She sent in a photograph which captured the moment when she was reunited with her husband, Private Paul Wilson, on his return from six months' duty in Afghanistan.

MOSAIC: The jubilee picture is made up of 50,000 photographs

She said: "The photo captures the emotion of our first hug. I feel it would be a wonderful addition to your mosaic as he had just returned from fighting for Queen and country and is very patriotic."

And third generation British Indian Baljit Balrow, from Maidstone, sent in a picture of herself wearing traditional Indian jewellery, with a Union Jack painted on her face.

Baljit said: "I want this picture to represent our proud multicultural Britain. No matter how much you adapt to another culture, it doesn't mean you lose your cultural roots."

Vicki Berry, producer for BBC South East Today, said: "Thousands of people submitted family portraits, photos of their ancestors, snaps of important occasions in their lives and of times that made them laugh. Many used the opportunity to remember loved ones they had lost, sharing precious memories.

"Stand up close to our portrait and you will see a mass of touching, funny or inspirational photos – step back 20 paces and it transforms to become a double portrait of the Queen."

The work is on show at Turner Contemporary on Saturday and Sunday.

On Wednesday a large pink ribbon appeared on top of the gallery as part of the first phase of officially dressing the county for the Cultural Olympiad, Torch Relay and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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CRIME

Four child sex arrests

FOUR men were arrested by Kent Police as part of a national campaign to target known and suspected child sex offenders. The arrests were made after search warrants were issued as part of the operation run by Child Exploitation and Online Protection. Those arrested were a man, 43, from Maidstone; a Herne Bay man, 49; a 25-year-old from Gillingham; and a Rochester man, 50.

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HOSTAGES

If we don't set sail again then the pirates win, insist kidnap victims

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THE couple rescued from Somali pirates after being held hostage for more than a year are getting ready to set out to sea again.

While most people would think facing execution on a daily basis while the pirates wait for someone to pay a reputed £620,000 ransom for their release would keep you on dry land, the Chandlers don't.

Rachel and Paul, from Tunbridge Wells, say they can't wait to finish their round-the-world tour.

The pair were seized from their yacht near the Seychelles heading for Tanzania, in October, 2009, and held separately for 388 days.

To now stay at home would mean "defeat" for them.

As they surveyed the 30-year-old yacht, now peppered with bullet holes, Mr Chandler said not going would be "like saying to someone your house is burgled, will you never live in a house again?".

He said going back on the ambitious trip is "the natural thing for us to do, and of course it means we are not defeated by the pirates.

POSITIVE: Rachel and Paul Chandler say they are determined sail again once they have restored their yacht, Lynn Rival

"They attacked us, kidnapped us, and extorted money from our family, but they haven't won."

The 38ft yacht Lynn Rival was brought back to the UK by the Royal Navy.

Looking at one bullet hole, Mrs Chandler said: "I think this must be the entry point here. It is possibly from one of the bullets they were firing as they were approaching us.

"Getting our ordinary lives back, which for us is cruising, has been really, really important. Being able to set off on new adventures means we are looking forward rather than thinking back to what happened."

Since their return to the UK, the couple have been working hard to repair all the damage.

Mr Chandler said: "The rigging was all cut, everything on the deck was smashed, all the teak work was smashed, a lot of the equipment was damaged."

It should be shipshape next month for their new adventure to Spain before going over the Atlantic to South America.

But they both admit they will be more careful off the African coast.

Mr Chandler said they will be steering clear of trouble, adding that they will be fine "so long as we remember to turn right at the appropriate moment as we go around the coast of West Africa".

And his wife added: "We don't expect that to happen again, and certainly we are going to make sure we avoid any high risk areas as any sensible traveller would."

Their capture was all down to bad luck, she said, adding: "What happened to us was a very extraordinary event.

"We were very unlucky and whatever you do, wherever you go in the world, you always face some risks. What you have to do is do your homework and aim to minimise those risks.

"But even if you are an ordinary person getting out of bed, going to work, travelling in your car, you're taking risks all the time.

"They may be low risks, but the risks we take in sailing generally are also very low risks."

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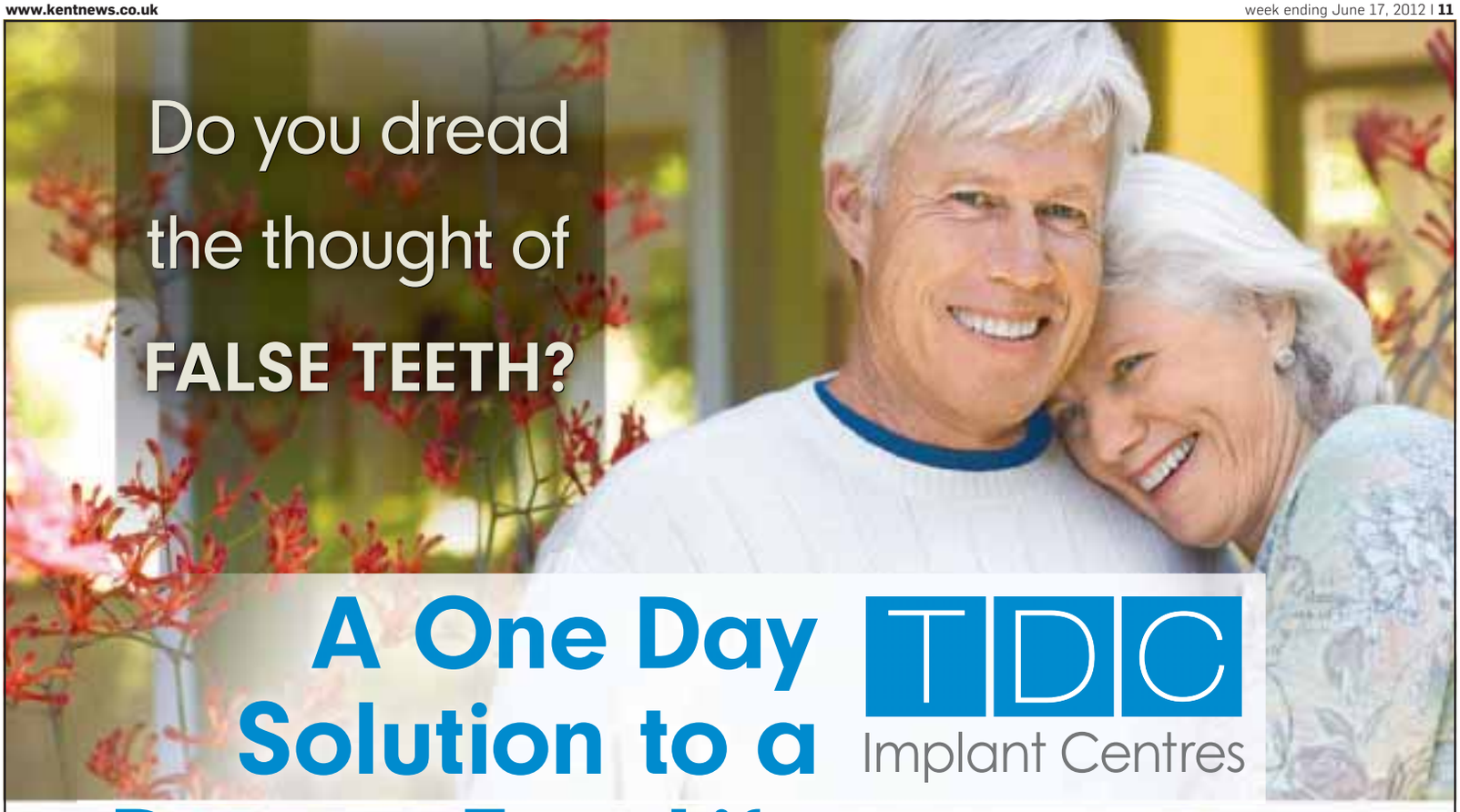

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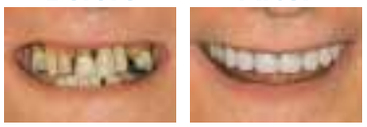

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News

MOTORING

Racing festival to be a Mini adventure for popular chef

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CHEF James Martin will be heading straight from the TV studio to the race track this weekend when he gets behind the wheel at Brands Hatch.

The popular Saturday Kitchen star is swapping his apron for race overalls when he climbs into a racing Mini.

Martin is a self-proclaimed petrolhead and knows how to get a vintage Mini round the world famous circuit as he takes part in the Mini Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

He is competing in two of the 12 dedicated Mini races at the inaugural festival.

Martin, who is the proud owner of two original Mini John Cooper Works rally cars from the 1960s, will share Andy Harrison's 1963 Austin Mini Cooper S in the Sanwa Trophy 40-minute endurance race and will also line up on the grid for the Mini All-Comers battle, both of which are held on Sunday.

MINI RACER: James Martin

The chef said: "I'm really looking forward to the Mini Festival. The Mini is iconic and I think everyone has a place in their heart for the car. I will be dropping my pans at the Saturday Kitchen and coming straight down to Brands Hatch for qualifying on Saturday.

"Andy Harrison, who is a friend of mine who helps me prep my Minis, told me about the event and I'm particularly looking forward to taking part in the Sanwa Trophy Endurance race.

"It's the first time I have raced this car so it's going to be interesting, it will certainly handle differently to the rally Mini I drive.

"I've driven a few laps around the circuit but nothing like this, I've been looking at the racing lines on YouTube. Brands Hatch is a great circuit for the spectator and an ideal place to race a Mini."

World-renowned stunt driver Russ Swift will be performing a Mini stunt show, and Britain's Got Talent star John Evans plans to balance a Mini on his head for a new world record.

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AGRICULTURE

Kent County Show promises rural fun for all the family

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THE Kent County Show is promising something for everyone, with arena displays, food, prize-winning livestock, a feast of flowers and even the chance to fly with a Spitfire.

Next month's show boasts new additions including Dash 'n' Splash, a long jump competition over water for dogs; a beer and cider festival with local brews and a German-style bierkeller; a 4x4 off-road track; and children's woodland workshops from Kent Wildlife Trust.

The event is at Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, from July 13-15, 8am-6pm, Friday-Sunday. It is organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society, and attracts more than 80,000 visitors to one of the UK's major countryside, farming and produce events.

The range of animals is a major draw and its equine and livestock judging attracts large numbers of entrants and spectators.

Special guests will be Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Caroline Spelman, on Friday; TV presenter Adam Henson will be there on the Saturday; and TV legend John Craven will visit on Sunday.

MOO: Livestock is a big draw

Arena displays include the Bolddog Lings motorcycle display team, an historic vehicle display, the Band of the 24th Invicta Rifles, and parades of bloodhounds and beagles.

Special events include the chance to fly in a helicopter alongside a Spitfire as it takes to the skies over the showground on the Friday.

Another major feature is the Flower Tent with renowned horticultural exhibitors demonstrating their expert growing and nurturing skills, with displays of roses, fuchsias, succulent, carnivorous plants, shrubs, ferns, and much more.

The agricultural area is home to Why Farming Matters In Kent, which offers information about local produce, careers and training in agriculture. Visitors will be able to see sheep-shearing and cattle, horses and goats.

Tickets can be bought at www.kentshowground.co.uk or on 01622 633060.

Kent Showground executive manager Roger Moore said: "With popular attractions returning and new events making their debuts, the Kent County Show has something for everyone. We would urge people to book their tickets as soon as possible and secure their place at Kent's most exciting event of the year."

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WATER

Heavy rains see hosepipe ban lifted – for some of us

By Chris Murphy
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TWO of Kent's water firms have lifted their hosepipe bans.

Thames Water covers a tiny slither of Kent around the Edenbridge area, while Southern Water supplies the areas around Medway, Gravesend, Sheppey, Thanet, and the east Kent villages between Canterbury and Deal.

On Thursday both companies lifted the bans that have been in place since April 5 following two exceptionally dry years.

Since the drought restrictions were imposed, the county has experienced sustained heavy rainfall, including the wettest April on record.

Southern Water's main reservoir at Bewl, near Lamberhurst, is now 81 per cent full and even the more essential underground supplies have been slightly replenished.

LIFTED: Two firms have now cancelled their hosepipe bans

Water quality and strategy manager Meyrick Gough, said: "Supplies are now in a much stronger position. However, with the underground sources, which supply the majority of customers, still below average, we are asking customers to continue to use water wisely."

Kent's other water suppliers, including South East, are still seriously worried about underground levels in aquifers, by far the largest resource in Kent.

It said that while recent rainfall boosted river and reservoir levels, it has had little impact on the region's groundwater sources, many of which remain at "severe" levels.

South East Water said as these provide 75 per cent of all supplies it is not able to remove the hosepipe ban.

Asset director Paul Seeley said: "Water companies must stick to the drought management plans agreed with regulators. Just as those companies who are now in a position to withdraw their restrictions will be following theirs, so must we comply with ours."

Veolia South East is also keeping its ban, because of worries about underground supplies.

Mike Pocock, water resources manager said: "We will need substantial rainfall to move us out of a drought."

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News

LONDON 2012

Olympics wins legacy gold before a race is even started

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AS the county sprints towards the Olympic starting line, the achievements notched up so far are already podium placed.

The impressive list is pure gold.

The South East Partnership said it runs to 243 business contracts; 11 Inspire projects with 14 cultural Inspire Mark projects; 529 Get Set schools with tickets; 10 pre-Games training camps in Kent and four in Medway; evening torch celebration sites in Dover and Maidstone; plus 38 Olympic Torch Relay Communities en route.

The revelations come in a document called South East Leading the Way to mark the culmination of six years' work in the lead up to the Games.

Those behind the report say it will also form part of a framework for partners and stakeholders to keep the spirit of the Games alive once the competitors have gone home

Oona Muirhead of LOCOG said: "The Olympic and Paralympic Games have already captured the inspiration of the nation, which has been proved by the outstanding achievements in Kent and Medway and the rest of the South East over the past six years.

BUILD: Stadium construction

"We are keen to make sure this legacy lives on long after London 2012 and we are certain we have all the right people and plans in place to maintain our achievements."

There are nine areas of legacy focus: sport, health, education, culture, accessibility, skills, tourism, business contracts, and training camps.

The document demonstrates the all-round impact the work has made in the South East, highlighting some of the region's most successful campaigns and initiatives.

Sport England in the South East has also announced £8 million of National Lottery funding to help disabled people start playing sport.

More than 8,500 employees in Kent and the South East have been trained through joint initiatives by Tourism South East and the Skills Funding Agency to improve customer service to encourage return visits to the region.

Marinos Paphitis, executive director for the Skills Funding Agency in the South said: "The 2012 Games have provided a unique opportunity to further build the wide range of skills of those in the South East to support the event and its legacy both economically and socially."

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HEALTH

NHS launching 111 phone service for urgent medical help

By Chris Murphy
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A NON-emergency number is being introduced in Kent for people who want medical help, but don't need an ambulance.

But be warned, the 111 number is not being switched on until next April.

And health chiefs believe people won't be confused with the police 101 number for urgent, but not emergency, calls.

HELP: From next April 111 will be the number to call for non-urgent help

Currently, there are a host of medical organisations available to give vital advice on the phone, but remembering all their numbers can be a problem.

The system has been greatly simplified and anyone needing urgent medical help, but not for an emergency, can dial 111 from next year.

It is a free health service to make it easier for people in Kent and Medway to get urgent healthcare 24/7, and residents will get reminders closer to April to let them know when the service becomes active.

It is being provided by a partnership between South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and Harmoni, an independent provider of urgent services in England. They won the contract beating three other companies.

If you dial 111 from April, a trained call handler, supported by health professionals, will provide a clinical assessment at the first point of contact, without the caller having to wait for a call back.

Ann Sutton, chief executive of NHS Kent and Medway, said: "This is an important step in our journey towards providing patients in Kent and Medway with a single point of access for all urgent healthcare services. I look forward to working with SECAmb and Harmoni to make 111 a reality and to making local urgent health services easier to navigate for our patients."

And Dr Mark Jones, a GP in Canterbury, added: "I am delighted we now know who our partner is for providing the 111 service, which will make urgent care better for our local patients.

"Over the coming months we will be working closely with SECAmb and Harmoni to prepare for the start of the 111 service by April, 2013."

The contracts should be signed by the end of the month, and then the work starts to have everything in place before the launch date.

Kent police currently uses the national line 101, a similar number for non-emergencies when help is needed but not urgent.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said: "101 is a non-emergency number. In cases of emergency the public should always call 999.

"There have been a number of publicity campaigns promoting the 101 number to ensure it is clear to the caller when and how it should be used. 101 call handlers are highly trained and will assess every call they receive.

"If the call should be re-directed to another emergency service, they will be aware of the best way to do this."

ACCIDENT

Car comes off road and crashes into tree

A DRIVER is in intensive care after his car collided with a tree near Dartford on Monday night. A 32-year-old man was taken to King's College Hospital in London after his black Ford Mondeo left the road on Longfield Hill, went down an embankment and collided with a tree. Kent Police would like to speak to two good Samaritans in a white van who helped at the scene before the police arrived.

CRIME

No half measures in booze crackdown day

CRACKDOWN on nuisance drinkers in Chatham town centre saw booze seized from seven people in one day. It was part of a move by the police's new Community Safety Partnership initiative to tackle problem drinking. As well as taking alcohol, officers issued four people with Section 27 directions to leave the town centre. All four allegedly breached the directions and were summonsed to appear in court.

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News

TELEVISION

Switchover ushers in a new digital dawn for TV viewers

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THE end of the analogue age has arrived with Kent joining the rest of the country in switching to digital TV.

Viewers who have fo far shunned digital TV are joining the high-tech revolution, giving them more channels and, for those in reception black spots, improved picture quality.

Switchover in Kent started last month with terrestrial TV signals turned off at the Tunbridge Wells transmitter.

On Wednesday, the rest of the county began the switchover, with transmitters at Dover and Bluebell Hill turned off. They served households in south, east, north and mid-Kent.

It means homes previously only able to access four or five channels through an analogue aerial had to get a digital box to allow them to pick up Freeview channels from BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5, such as BBC Three and ITV2.

REVOLUTION: The digital age

Homes which had already gone digital, using Freeview, BT Vision or Top-Up TV, needed to re-tune their TV and boxes in order to regain their BBC services – or be faced with a blank screen.

They will also need to re-tune on Wednesday, June 27, when the switchover in Kent is completed.

Digital UK, a not-for-profit organisation formed by broadcasters to help customers convert to digital TV, said the switchover will allow a greater choice of channels, new features such as audio description and subtitling, and optional additional channels and services, including broadband.

Most households will be able to receive more than 40 Freeview channels via an aerial and the remainder around 15 popular channels.

A Digital UK spokesman said: "Switchover will make Freeview available to thousands of homes in the county for the first time."

MP for South Thanet Laura Sandys, who has been campaigning for improved TV reception in her constituency, urged households to get in touch if they experienced problems during the switchover.

She said: "I have met with the minister responsible on several occasions to discuss this and he pledged to ensure everything is done to support us locally.

"Over the next few weeks, I'll be sending out information on switchover as well as asking for opinions on whether the signal has improved."

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All the latest photographs of the 'new-build' are being posted on the Academy website, along with ariel photographs and a 'time-lapse' video of the progress of the construction works on a daily basis. There are also artists' impressions of the architects' plans and a 'Virtual Tour' of the new building and grounds, showing what the site will look like when completed. These were all created for the Academy by the construction company, BAM.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Band with a single vision to release a CD every month

By Chris Murphy
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WRITING the right song for a single is a tough job, which is why one band has set themselves the daunting task of coming up with 12 of them this year.

Folkestone group Phenomenal Cat wanted to heap the pressure on themselves to come up with a dozen power pop songs to release one a month to both promote themselves and raised cash for local charities.

The project is called 'Postcards from the British Empire'.

January's singe called Letters Home From Nazi-Occupied France was picked up by an influential pop blogger in Sweden who described their music as, "delectable slices of power pop".

They have also been compared with The Kinks and Blur.

Since then things have really taken off for the four-piece with their songs being played on radio shows in America, Spain, Germany and Sweden, as well as local radio stations across the UK.

SINGLE: The band's May release

Phenomenal Cat are photography lecturer Samuel Carney on guitar and vocals; as is Mik Pierson; Natalie Kuroczycki on bass guitar; and drummer Ben Day.

Samuel, 33, said: "We wanted to put pressure on ourselves to complete this project. It can be really difficult coming up with a great single and we want to do 12 in a year by forcing ourselves to come up with one a month.

"It is hard, but we are up to the job, and the singles released so far have done pretty well.

"We are doing it to promote ourselves of course, but to also raise money for charity by selling a limited run of 25 handmade CD singles.

"We then donate the money to a different charity shop in the Folkestone area each month. So far we have raised money for the Salvation Army, British Red Cross, Barnardo's, and Pilgrims Hospice."

The five singles so far are Letters Home, Ramshackle Heart, Postcards from the British Empire, Love on the Dole, and Electricity and Volts.

The sixth single is out on June 23, the day they play live on the Folkestone Bandstand, along with other bands from the area starting at 2pm.

Samuel said: "We love doing this, and although we are all in our 30s juggling work with families, we are dedicate to the band as well. It's great fun, and the pressure is part of that enjoyment."

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ONE of the highlights of the summer in Medway – the Castle Proms – will provide the grand finale to this year's Castle Concerts.

The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra returns on Saturday, July 21, to perform a selection of classical favourites, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display.

The evening will climax with a stunning finale of all the traditional Last Night of the Proms flag-waving favourites for the audience to join in with, including the 1812 Overture, Land of Hope and Glory, and Rule Britannia with Thomas Arne's stirring music.

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This year's Castle Concerts line-up also includes Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra on Wednesday, July 18, with special guest Roland Gift; newly reformed pop phenomenon Steps on Thursday, July 19, with Björn Again; and Soul Party on July 20, starring powerhouse singers Billy Ocean and Alexander O'Neal (sold out).

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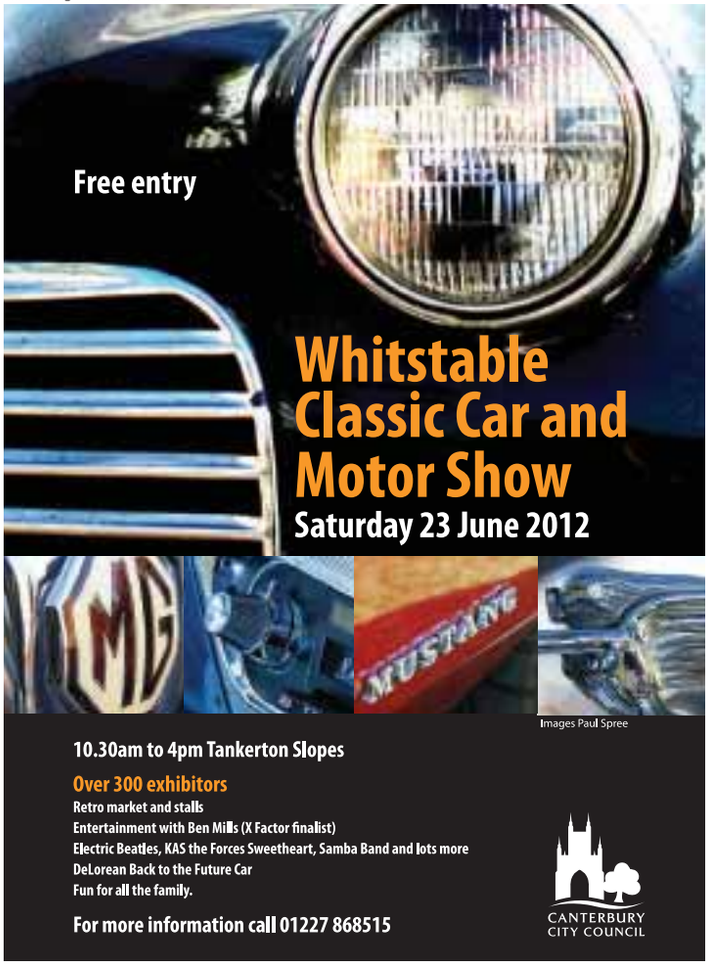

News

POLICING

Tories to choose police chief poll candidate this weekend

By Marijke Cox
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THE final hurdle in the race to become the Conservative candidate in the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner election has arrived.

Three candidates whittled down from a list of six hopefuls will go head to head during the final husting in Rochester this weekend following two earlier hustings, one in Tonbridge last week and another in Canterbury on Friday.

A decision is expected to be made on Sunday.

The three hopefuls are Medway councillor and former Ukip leader Craig Mackinlay; ex-police officer Jan Berry who ran the Police Federation for several years; and European Strategy Advisor to Kent Police Francois Gordon.

The successful candidate will then stand in the election on November 15 against a Labour hopeful – either Ashford councillor Harriet Yeo or Steve Bates, former advisor to Home Secretary John Reid, depending on who the party chooses – and a list of independent candidates.

These include former Mayor of Medway Dai Liyanage; Ken Little, from Whitstable; former Kent police officer Fran Croucher; and property tycoon Fergus Wilson, from Maidstone.

The PCC will replace Kent Police Authority (KPA) and will serve a four-year term, with power to hold the force to account, determine a policing strategy, and hire and fire the chief constable.

Tory candidate Cllr Mackinlay said the new directly elected PCC is the right route. "Current oversight of Kent Police is administered by the KPA.

"It is a well balanced body with committed appointees; but therein is the problem – the majority of members are appointed by the political groups across Kent and Medway councils.

"The independent members have applied for and have been selected by the body itself – there has been no public involvement in the appointments. In the administration of £274m of Kent taxpayers' funds and the setting of a legally enforceable precept, I believe that a directly elected person is the right route to link tax-raising with the public."

Senior Tory at County Hall Cllr Bryan Sweetland, who missed out on a place in the shortlist after putting himself forward, said the party was fortunate to have three good candidates.

"The task for Conservative members is now to pick one of these three. A difficult task as all could do the job, with varying degrees of competence, skill and effectiveness.

"I will make my mind up after listening to all three potential candidates this weekend."

But he questioned the selection process. Writing for this newspaper this week, he said: "One has to wonder why all Conservative members in Kent were not asked for their opinion from the start."

■ **See Opinion on page 32.**

"Please Help"

Frankie is a 2 year old Tom cat missing since Friday 1st June in the Sydenham Street area of Whitstable.

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The controversial finding at the heart of medical history

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ONLY a virtual heretic would think a human heart could be important in keeping our bodies alive by pumping blood.

Merely suggesting something quite so outrageous would get you virtually kicked out of medicine, and described as a fool – as everyone knew that job was done by the liver.

But the Folkestone medic who gave his name to Ashford's main hospital was not about to let his peers decry his amazing work to prove the blood circulation in the body was driven by the heart.

It may not have helped that he was born on April 1, either.

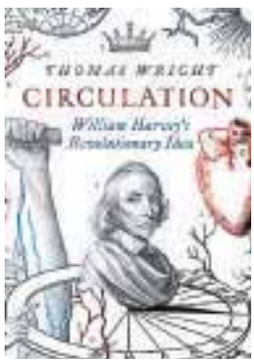
It seems absurd today, but William Harvey stirred a major controversy way back in the 16th and 17th centuries with his claims.

Born in 1578 and passing away at the then-incredible age of 79, Harvey eventually conquered the many doubters.

He was a small man, but brilliant, and his work is now celebrated in a new book called Circulation: William Harvey's Revolutionary Idea, by Thomas Wright.

Despite the shaky start, Harvey went on to have a huge impact on anatomy and modern biology, and is heralded almost as highly as Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

In fact the author said of him: "He is arguably the greatest Englishman in the history of science."



CIRCULATION: From left, Thomas Wright's book tells the fascinating story of William Harvey's medical breakthrough

Harvey's obsessive quest to understand the movement of the blood overturned beliefs held by anatomists and physicians since Roman times. His circulation theory was as controversial in its day as Copernicus' idea that the Earth revolved around the Sun.

Harvey, whose father Tom was once mayor of Folkestone, was educated first in the town, and later at The King's School, Canterbury, before going on to study at Cambridge.

From there, it was on to France, Germany, and then the University of Padua, Italy, where he excelled and graduated as a doctor aged 24.

Among one of his chief discoveries was that 'bloodletting' was completely useless, yet the practise routinely continued for two centuries after its 'benefits' were disproved by Harvey.

The book is set deep in the beating heart of late Renaissance London, and Mr Wright's vivid and visceral biography details Harvey taking inspiration from his dissections and vivisections.

Harvey got the attention of Sir Francis Bacon, England's Lord Chancellor and a patient; John Donne, a poet and preacher fascinated with anatomy and the human heart; and even King Charles I, Harvey's patron and a witness to his experiments.

The book charts Harvey's remarkable rise as a mere yeoman's son to the position of King's physician.

Mr Wright said: "It offers a fresh interpretation of his ideas, and above all, celebrates a brilliant mind that epitomized a rich moment in England's intellectual history."

He said Harvey set out on an obsessive quest to understand the movement of the blood and his work even altered the culture and language of its time, influencing poets and economists.

The book is published by Chatto & Windus and is also available as an ebook.

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OPINION

It's down to the best of three

Cllr Bryan Sweetland runs the rule over the three candidates vying to represent the Tories in the race to be Police and Crime Commissioner

NOW that the list of hopefuls to be the Conservative candidate for the job of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been reduced to three, one has to wonder why all Conservative Party members in Kent were not asked for their opinion from the start.

You could argue that a better way to select our candidate, whilst simultaneously engaging and galvanising our supporters, would have been to offer each paid-up member one vote.

Despite this, we are where we are and if our supporters are able or prepared to travel to Rochester or Canterbury this weekend, they will be able to see the final three candidates perform.

The candidates can expect to answer questions on policing and crime, their reasons for standing and for how long have they been a member of the Conservative Party.

As Mark Reckless MP so descriptively explained on his website, we have Craig Mackinley, a finance whizz who is a local Medway councillor and an ex-UKIP leader; Francois Gordon, who is a Foreign Office man and ex-British Ambassador; and Jan Berry who ran the Police Federation the police equivalent of a trade union.

She has recently joined the Conservative Party after announcing that she was to stand as an independent.

The task for Conservative members is now to pick one of these three.

A difficult task as all could do the job, with varying degrees of competence, skill, and effectiveness.

The police, if they had a say (but they don't) would probably prefer Francois Gordon, a steady, reliable and safe pair of hands.

Medway Conservatives will no doubt vote for their own man Cllr Craig Mackinley, a member of the Kent Police Authority (an organisation he is hoping to replace as the Police and Crime Commissioner).

Kent's parliamentarians, with the exception of the three that attended the first selection meeting, seem to be showing little interest in this radical piece of Government policy.

At the initial selection meeting, the local party chairman and deputies were invited to cast three votes each.

Surprisingly, association members will also be given three votes to cast in order of preference, which sounds very Lib Dem.

Whatever happened to first past the post?

We are fortunate to have three very good candidates, I particularly like Gordon Francois's commitment to strip out the over-dependence on performance targets and the excessive supervision of the police put in place by the previous Labour government.

It is a difficult task as all three could do the job

He he also recognises the bureaucratic load on the police must be lightened and he makes the point for more neighbourhood police on our streets, a pledge that the electorate will welcome.

I believe Francois Gordon will do a professional job but more importantly will allow the police to do theirs. However, I will make my mind up after listening to all three potential candidates this weekend. Good luck to them all.

The voting system in place may suprise us all!

Cllr Bryan Sweetland is deputy chairman of Gravesham Conservatives.

KOS COMMENT

Sewage leak must not stain isle's reputation

ASIDE from a giant, man-eating shark called Jaws, it's every seaside resorts' worst nightmare – raw sewage being pumped into the sea.

And for the Isle of Thanet, which is dependant on summer trade brought in by its picturesque bays, the horror seemed to only get worse, with council chiefs forced to close the beaches for nine days.

The only lucky thing in this whole sorry mess is that Bank Holiday, in keeping with tradition, was a washout and visitor numbers would have been down.

It's quite right that someone needs to be held accountable, not only was this dangerous to people's health, there's the lingering threat of a stain on the isle's reputation.

Time to switch over

IT MAY have been drummed into us all for months that we must remember to re-tune our TVs for the digital switchover, but no doubt some will have forgotten.

So if you're currently staring at a blank screen, scratching your head as to why you can't pick up BBC, take this as a gentle reminder.

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Say no to same sex marriage

AN open letter to David Cameron: The Church and State must not divorce. I cannot believe what is happening in this once great Britain.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Catholic Church, and the likewise feeling millions are all correct in their assertions. You wish us all to believe you value your meeting with the Queen. I have every confidence her counsel would be in agreement. Marriage is simply one man and one woman, nothing else.

It is not too late. Changing your mind, or reneging on a commitment is not new to you – but you must act now.

Ian R Elliott, Whitstable

Coast opening is good news

I was pleased to see the news that sections of the East Kent/East Sussex coast will finally be open to the public by 2015.

We have some of the most beautiful coastline in the British Isles and it is such a shame we can't always enjoy it as we should be able to. All credit should go to Kent Ramblers Association and Natural England for this victory. I look forward to the opportunity to experience and enjoy the route.

Gary Fuller
Shepway Liberal Democrats

Where were our parties?

WHILE most of the UK celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with countless street parties, where were the ones in Sittingbourne?

In Milton we have a good recreation park that would have been an ideal site to host an event, yet none was seen.

We elect councillors to carry out business on our behalf and these councillors have access to funds which could be used for such an event. Why did they not take advantage of this celebration to inject some much-needed community spirit into the area? Most residents, including me, do not have the finance or backing to organise such an event.

Also what about the area of apparent dereliction north of Sittingbourne's main station? Are our councillors lazy, just waiting for someone else to come up with some money, or are they totally incompetent?

We have been hearing about the Tesco project for the last million years – well it seems like that – and still no action. Is this ever going to happen? I very much doubt it.

Now the councillors have wrangled themselves to stay in power for four-year stints, rather than an election every year, it looks as if we will have to wait another three years to pass our opinion on these incompetent councillors.

If residents want councillors to do work then they should either: a) Vote Loony, b) Stand themselves, c) Bring back John Burke and Elvie Lowe.

Sheikh Mihand (a.k.a. Jackie Davidson)
Sittingbourne Loonies

Hypocrisy of animal lovers

IT is often said Britain is a nation of animal lovers but reality does not bear this out.

We own animals, we use them, we exploit them, we eat them but does that add up to love? Sanctuaries are filled with horses, cats, dogs, birds and reptiles – all 'loved' until the novelty wore off.

Investigations consistently find appalling conditions on farms and routine illegal abuse inside UK slaughterhouses.

We still send live animals by sea to be killed in other countries. We still permit the breeding of millions of pheasants in battery-style cages merely to be shot from the sky for pleasure. We cull any animal or bird perceived to be a nuisance and there is still support, albeit diminishing, for events that routinely kill animals, most notably the Grand National.

To truly be a nation of animal lovers, all of this should be addressed.

Kate Fowler
Animal Aid, Tonbridge

NO Estuary Airport

Airport will be a good thing

REGARDING your piece on this new estuary airport, with Foster planning it the results should be good.

Thousands of jobs created would be good for the area. With the airport being able to operate 24 hours a day it would take a lot of noise away from around Heathrow.

We should support this and not bury our heads in the sand. Let's get this country moving again.

DS Fox, Maidstone

Of course there will be local jobs

I think last week's contributor letter alleging there would be no jobs created for local people was insulting to the hard working people of Medway.

Apart from the initial construction, there would be thousands of opportunities of employment, not all of which would be skilled.

At any busy international airport there are vast numbers of staff required such as baggage handlers, cleaners, check-in staff and retail outlets, and I expect even a man flying a bird of prey to keep the birds off.

House prices would double and the whole of Medway would boom. The proposed site has been used for industrial use in the past, ranging from cement works to explosive factories.

I am always amused when people talk about concreting over the countryside when they probably live in a house on the very countryside they now want to protect.

K Smith, Rainham

Hub would be a catastrophe

I feel compelled to register my oposition to the proposed airport. The idea is wrong on every level and will catastrophically effect the area.

Those who champion the scheme don't live in or near the area, they dont give a hoot about the area and so will not be adversely affected. They are interested only in having their names associated with a mammoth project.

Local infrastructure cannot cope and the changes needed to address the resulting problem will cost millions we don't have.

I can only assume they have not heard there is a double dip recession at the moment.

Please urge them to get their heads out of the sand and think before they engage in a plan that is doomed to failure.

It cannot be allowed to go ahead. There are other options which the planners simply don't want to consider.

This area is far too precious to be buried in concrete.

Maureen Woods, by email

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Liability risk for debt on a joint bank account

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Q My daughter shared a flat with a friend at university. They each paid into a special bank account for rent and other expenses. The friend should have closed the account when my daughter left, but it appears she carried on using it and ran up an overdraft of several hundred pounds before disappearing. Can the bank make my daughter pay?

A The paperwork you sent me shows that your daughter and her friend had a joint account. Each was individually liable if the account went overdrawn, even if the other signatory was to blame. Legally, I am afraid your daughter can be made to pay, though in circumstances like this I have seen the bank accept a smaller sum in settlement, or payment over a long period.

Q I have received a text message on my phone, saying: "Records passed to us show you are entitled to a refund of approximately £2,560 in compensation from mis-selling of PPI on your credit card or loan." I am asked to reply for more information or to stop future messages. Is this a scam?

A The message will have come from a claims management company, or from a sales firm representing one. It could be a scam, to persuade you to send an upfront fee in the hope of getting thousands of pounds, only to find later that the firm has disappeared with your cash. But it is more likely that this is an attempt to squeeze money out of your bank.

Since you have no idea who sent the message, ask yourself how they know you ever had payment protection insurance (PPI), how they know it was mis-sold to you, and how they got their hands on your credit records.

The fact is that whoever texted you knows none of these things. Identical texts will have been sent to thousands of people. If anyone does respond, the claims firm will file a demand with their bank, alleging PPI mis-selling. Since it costs banks hundreds of pounds to defend such allegations, the claims firm hopes the bank will make an offer, just to avoid legal costs, even if the claim is unjustified.

Q I have had an unsolicited telephone call, suggesting I invest in bonds issued by Forward Telecoms, with a yield of 7-9 per cent based on investing for between one and three years. If the company is successful there will also be a free share issue. I am told the company is Swedish, and in the current climate the yields look attractive, but this seems too good to be true.

A According to its website, Forward Telecoms is a major business in Sweden, but things just don't add up. The website is marked as copyright from 2004 to 2011, but inquiries show the site was registered only in February last year, and will expire in February next year. It is an odd company that registers its name for only two years.

On top of this, the site is registered to addresses in Lisbon and New York rather than, say, Stockholm. Forward Telecoms may well be able to explain all this, so let's give it the benefit of the doubt. But however respectable it might be, do not buy its bonds.

Never invest in anything offered in an unsolicited call from a firm you do not already know.

Q When my 83-year-old husband was a boy, his father took out a policy for him with the Preston Shelley Friendly Society. In 2004, my husband received a letter asking whether he wanted to encash his policy. We eventually replied to the company in Manchester last year, asking for the proceeds, but the letter was returned. Can you help?

A The Preston Shelley was a very old savings and life company. Its policies are now administered by the Scottish Friendly Assurance Society, whose headquarters are at 16 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4HJ.

Q I have just received my income tax PAYE coding for 2012-13. This says I am entitled to the married couple's allowance, which is worth £770.50, represented by a tax allowance of £7,705. Last year, though, the same phrase turned £729.50 into £3,648. Have the allowances changed or has something gone wrong?

A The married allowance has changed, but there is also a bit of a puzzle. The allowance you get is for people born before April 6, 1935, and it is at a fixed rate of 10 per cent. So £7,705 in tax allowances is worth £770.50 in cash. Last year the allowance was £7,295, worth £729.50 in cash.

Why you received a tax allowance of £3,648 – just half of the normal £7,295 – is the puzzle, and only your tax office can explain why it cut the usual allowance in two.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Be prepared to enjoy a worry-free festival

Lounge on the Farm, Hop Farm… it's festival time. But make sure you're prepared before setting out for a weekend of fun, says **ADAM AIKEN**

THE music festival season has arrived, with hundreds of thousands of fans preparing to travel to gigs, both here and across Europe.

But whether it's you getting ready to let your hair down or you are helping your children prepare for a festival, it's worth taking some time to make sure you are properly insured, to sort out a budget and – if you are heading to the Continent – to do a bit of extra homework.

Insure your possessions

Festivals can offer easy pickings for criminals looking to help themselves, especially if you are camping.

Aviva, the insurer, has calculated that the average value of possessions taken by festival-goers is more than £900. This might sound a lot at first glance, but when you take into account the proliferation of smartphones, MP3 players and digital cameras, and add the value of essentials such as tents, camping gear and clothes, things soon add up.

Although the odds are that you will not become a victim of crime, those who are targeted could find themselves substantially out of pocket if they do not have adequate insurance cover.

"Festivals are a brilliant staple of the summer calendar and it's obviously a chance for people to enjoy their favourite bands in the Sun (or rain) with their friends," said Jonathan Cracknell, household underwriter at Aviva. "But like any event with crowds all carrying expensive gear, there is a risk of crime, and our research shows it is definitely worth being as aware of security as you are of the line-up."

He added: "Tents appear to be the main target for thieves, so don't leave them crammed full of all your favourite electronic gadgets when you pop out for breakfast."

It is important to remember that having adequate insurance does not mean you do not have a responsibility to look after your things.

For example, if you leave your possessions on display in a tent and they are pinched, an insurer could argue the theft was due to your failure to take reasonable care.

Are you covered already?

Some home insurance policies include cover for possessions away from the home, but it is important you check this before setting off.

BEWARE: Tents on a festival ground are an easy target for thieves

The personal belongings section of a home insurance policy usually covers everyone who lives permanently at home, so if the policy is in your name but your teenagers are the ones heading off, they might be covered automatically.

"Most home contents insurance policies can offer a degree of cover for your belongings when you're away from your home," said Jeremy Cryer, head of travel at Gocompare.com.

"This can be part of your standard cover or an optional add-on, so check your policy wording to see what protection you may benefit from."

If you do not already have "away from home" cover on your policy, you might need to pay an extra premium to upgrade your cover, and you might also be stung with an administration charge for changing it mid-term.

If you simply want to insure your gadgets, standalone cover for your smartphone or tablet might be a better option. But Mr Cryer said that, as a rule of thumb, buying standalone gadget insurance directly from your phone or network provider was an expensive way of doing it.

How much cash to take?

A music festival might last for only a few days, but it can be expensive.

A round of drinks can make serious inroads into your funds, and the cost of T-shirts, souvenirs and other bits and pieces can quickly add up.

"One key tip is to work out what you want to spend before you go," said Steve Rees, managing director of debt consultant Vincent Bond & Co.

"There will be tempting items all over the place, so setting yourself a budget in advance will help you keep out of your overdraft."

It will be cheaper to withdraw your money before you get to the festival site, because once you are there you will probably be charged a fee for each cash-machine withdrawal.

But you need to weigh this against the dangers of carrying too much cash with you – you might be more comfortable paying a little bit extra in return for being able to make some withdrawals. Even then, it makes sense to do some basic planning.

"It is normal for festival ATMs to charge about £1.25 per transaction, no matter what you withdraw," said Mr Rees. Don't make too many small withdrawals, in other words.

Heading overseas?

The cancellation of this year's Glastonbury festival led Abta – the travel operators' umbrella group – to say it expected more music lovers to look to continental Europe for their festival fixes. If you fall into this category, you need to add medical insurance to your list.

"If you're travelling to a festival abroad, you don't need to have a serious accident or illness to run up a sizeable medical bill, so make sure you're adequately protected by a suitable travel insurance policy," said Mr Cryer, at Gocompare.

At the very least, take your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) if you have one. In any country within the European Economic Area, this entitles you to the state medical care available to that country's citizens.

But this is no substitute for proper travel insurance. For starters, bear in mind that the level of care varies from country to country – an EHIC does not guarantee a standard of treatment equal to that provided in the UK, and few countries pay the full cost of medical treatment in the way the NHS does.

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Sales and jobs boost creates optimism on our high streets

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AFTER several years of gloomy forecasts about the future, the traditional high street could be on the way back, according to the latest survey.

According to the Confederation of British Industry, for the first time since February 2003 more stores are recruiting staff than shedding jobs.

Its Distributive Trades Survey indicates that 37 per cent of retailers said they would be employing more workers in the near future, whereas 25 per cent said they may be looking to cut back.

And to back up the brighter prospects for our town and city centres, the British Retail Consortium has stated that employment in the sector has risen for the last two quarters and consumer spending is up on last year, with high hopes for further improvements ahead.

Shoppers in two Kent towns said they had noted an increase in footfall.

"I come into Ashford most Friday afternoons," said Christine Collins. "And it has been noticeable over recent weeks there are more shoppers out and about. Also it's more difficult to find space in the car park, which I didn't at the time realise was possibly a good thing.

"But looked at from that angle it does indicate more people are coming to spend their cash – so that's got to be positive for stores."

In Canterbury city centre, shoppers said they felt the summer had brought more people to the shops.

"It's going to be a celebratory few months. We've had the Jubilee, now it's the football [Euro 2012] and then the Olympics," said Michael Austen. "Even if it's only an increase in beer and wine sales, that's still good for business."

Many pubs and cafés in Kent reported an increase in sales, especially during last month's fine weather.

Overall, retail sales figures were reported to be up 3.4 per cent against the same period last year.

Stephen Robertson, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said: "As the relentlessly difficult underlying conditions continue to make trading tough for retailers, any temporary boost is of even greater importance and retailers had reason to celebrate the eventual arrival of summer at the end of May.

"Much of the month's positive performance can be attributed to spending in the final week, when consumers responded enthusiastically to the sun coming out.

"It's likely the prolonged wet period helped create pent-up demand and people also felt more relaxed about their spending as the sun created a feelgood boost. Small numbers of customers buying jeans and knitwear in the first weeks of May became many more people purchasing skirts, shorts and swimwear by the end of the month.

"Womenswear had its best growth this year, while garden centres enjoyed a boom in the number of people investing in new lawnmowers to tackle overgrown grass.

"The performance of food retailers was more consistent across the month, but again there was a marked change in the type of products customers were buying. Retailers will be hoping the boost continues, sustained by this summer's celebrations and sporting events."

The CBI has also reported that sales volumes rose in May – a finding that surprised its economic-performance analysts.

A total of 43 per cent of retailers recorded an increase in sales volumes, with 213 per cent registering a fall.

These results are the best for 2012 but are still set against a backdrop of uncertainty in retail, with online sales of goods continuing to grow and out-of-town shopping centres taking customers away from the traditional high street.

OUTLET CENTRE CELEBRATES SURGE IN INTEREST

McARTHUR Glen's Ashford Designer Outlet has reported a UK year-on-year increase in sales and footfall for April of 18 per cent and 17.6 per cent respectively.

The outlet, which has discounted brands including Guess, Ted Baker and Kurt Geiger, said the figures reinforced the trend that shoppers were looking for new ways to stretch their pound.

David Maddison, centre manager, said: "With more than 80 designer and premium high-street brands, we are in a strong position to capitalise on the growing number of shoppers looking to buy their favourite brands for up to 60 per cent less.

"Sales for designer collections alone increased by 50.4 per cent year on year, evidence that shoppers are wanting more out of their fashion pound, making more purposeful purchases by buying quality pieces."

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at corporate financier Arden Partners, said: "The two strongest trends in retailing at the moment are the strength of the luxury sector and, on the other hand, the strength of the value sector.

"Designer outlets are an attractive combination of both trends, providing the brands consumers want as they make great savings at the same time."

Hornby turns a profit from a range of hobbies

THANET-BASED hobby company Hornby has reported a positive set of results for the financial year, which ended in March.

The group reported its turnover as being up 1.7 per cent to £64.4m. The equivalent figure for 2011 was £63.4m.

Underlying profit before tax was £4.5m (2011: £4.4m), with the strongest performances reported in overseas sales.

However, the owner of Corgi cars and Airfix said its sales of London 2012 merchandise were growing strongly.

THE RIGHT TRACK: Hornby is benefiting from London 2012

There was success with the Moshi Monsters range of pin badges and die-cast vehicles and Star Wars Scalextric, which was launched this year.

Among the other popular ranges were train sets and model kits of British Army vehicles.

Frank Martin, CEO, said: "Despite the backdrop of a challenging market, Hornby is making encouraging progress.

"Our ability to broaden our product and distribution base will enable us to mitigate to some extent any short-term weakness in our traditional hobby sectors.

"We are pleased that sales of our London 2012 merchandise are gathering momentum.

"We expect this unique licence opportunity to contribute positively to profits in the short term and, through the increased distribution that we gain as a result of our involvement with London 2012, to provide an ongoing legacy benefit in substantially increasing our presence in mass-market retail outlets.

"In order to benefit from this increased presence following London 2012 we have developed a number of new ranges, with entry-level price points ranging from £2 to £9.99. The first of these ranges is a series of collectable pin-badges based on the Moshi Monsters licence.

"There is no doubt that there will continue to be pressure on consumer confidence for some time to come.

"However, we continue to innovate and to seek new commercial opportunities in order to counter the effects of the macro-economic climate in which we are operating."

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It's no secret that former Army base has new role

By Nick Ames
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THE modernisation of historic Repton Manor is the latest business development to take place in Ashford.

The brainchild of developer Steve Ripley, it is a series of offices housed in what used to be the headquarters of the Intelligence Corps of the British Army.

Many of the actions and decisions taken and planned inside its rooms are still on the Top Secret list – but now accountants, web-designers, estate agents and roof-builders have taken the place of generals, colonels and brigadiers.

The building itself was a family home before being taken over by the military. It formed part of the Templar Barracks complex, which housed the intelligence arm of the British Army during the 1970s and 1980s.

Brigadier David Reece was based at the corps headquarters and attended the opening of the grand building.

"Initially we were going to use it as an officers' mess, but it was too small," he said. "But it was discreetly situated so made an ideal place for planning sensitive operations.

"I am very proud of what we achieved here and among our achievements is that we left the building intact for future use."

Picture: PAUL JERREAT

IT'S THEIR MANOR: The team at the opening. From left, Steve Ripley, Rebecca Bish, John Ripley and Don Murrell

Ripley says he remembers the Army base as being a part of the town in which he grew up, so when the building became available he felt the urge to restore it and bring it back to the forefront of the town.

Working alongside his brother John, Don Murrell and Rebecca Bish as fellow developers, the team spent £230,000 on obtaining the building and a further £500,000 on restoration work.

Now the suites are all occupied, with accountants taking over the ground floor and a satellite-navigation company, estate agents, roof-builders and web-designers upstairs.

Ripley said: "As a development project we thought wouldn't it be great to restore a heritage building and enable it to become a place where people could work.

"All the businesses have started to network among one another, so we hope we have created a new centre and focus for businesses in Ashford. It was always the intention to give something to the town we all grew up in."

The developers now intend to put on displays of military history and to forge links with nearby schools.

Bob Davidson, Mayor of Ashford, was at the opening event.

"This is fantastic for Ashford," he said. "The development has attracted top-quality firms by offering affordable rent and rates for prestigious surroundings."

New lease of life for SeaFrance as train firm joins with workers' group

EUROTUNNEL has bought three ships from the defunct SeaFrance company and is set to break into the highly-competitive cross-Channel ferry business.

The Berlioz, The Rodin and The Nord Pas-de-Calais are all set to be sailing the Dover-Calais route by the end of this summer following the £60 million deal, approved by the Paris Commercial Court on Monday.

The company will manage the vessels and lease them for operations to a new business to be named Eurotransmanche.

SeaFrance, after a history of problems with its workforce and a number of large-scale bailouts from the French government, went into administration on January 9, 2012.

The new business is expected to create 500 jobs in France and 100 in Kent.

Eurotransmanche has been formed from former SeaFrance employees who will use their redundancy money to finance the running of the company under a deal put into place by unions and the French government.

"Our plan is to manage the ships and leave the independent operation to run them," said a Eurotunnel spokesman. "The workers' co-operative will run the ships and this consists of ex-employees of SeaFrance."

Prior to its eventual folding, the French ferry-operator, part of the national railway-operator SNCF, had experienced problems with militant unions, some of whose members had Communist Party affiliations.

However, Eurotunnel does not see this as an obstacle.

"Back then the company was in the public sector and had a public-sector union," said the spokesman.

"These workers have elected to use their own money to finance the operation, so they will not want it to fail. Also, they have been made redundant once, so they will not want to lose their jobs again."

The three ships have been out of action for eight months and berthed in French ports, so they will require overhauling to bring them back into operation.

They will also need to have their engines and other equipment brought into line with current EU emissions rules.

ACQUISITION

Group is write on with firm move

COLART Group, the world's leading supplier of artists' materials, has acquired Ashford-based Letraset for an undisclosed sum.

The acquisition sees the amalgamation of Letraset's market-leading range of art, craft and graphic marker-pens, such as FlexMarker, ProMarker and Tria Marker, into ColArt's portfolio of fine-art brands.

The company says the acquisition will enable it "to further develop the depth and breadth of Letraset's product range, strengthening ColArt's number-one position in the global marketplace and reinforcing its reputation for supplying innovative products of quality".

Martin Gibbs, managing director of Letraset, said: "Becoming part of such a well-respected group will enable us to compete even more effectively on the world stage."

Thomas Bräutigam, ColArt Group chief executive, said: "Letraset is a great business, with market-leading products that enhance and complement our existing family of brands."

TRAVEL

Le very busy Shuttle

FOR the first time in its history, Le Shuttle carried more than 10,000 tourist vehicles in a 24-hour period between Folkestone and Coquelles in France.

On Friday, June 1, the cross-Channel service transported 10,380 cars and 128 coaches. The previous record had been set on July 26, 2010, with 9,382 vehicles carried in one day from England to the Continent.

Taking into account the traffic figures for Saturday, which was also extremely busy, and those of Sunday, the service will have carried more than 26,000 tourist vehicles from Folkestone to Coquelles over a three-day period, surpassing the previous record for the equivalent UK peak holiday departure period at the end of July last year.

Jo Willacy, Eurotunnel commercial director, said: "We transported more than 700 vehicles an hour, with a departure every 15 minutes while maintaining punctuality."

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Pushing the boat out to help the city's homeless

HOMELESS people can gain a qualification in canoeing in a project backed by Kent County Council.

Called Climb Aboard, it sees seven sessions of river canoeing and a sea kayaking lesson at Grove Ferry resulting in a British Canoe Union 1 Star Award.

On completing the course, participants will be invited to take part in a 40-mile canoe competition on the River Medway.

Richard Barnard, activities worker at homelessness charity Porchlight is running the project.

He said: "Physical activities really help to boost the confidence and life skills of the people we help, many of whom have been through devastating experiences. We really want our service users to gain useful transferable skills that will help them to live independently in the future."

One of those taking part is 19-year-old Dan. He says the efforts of the charity have helped him get his life back on track. He explained: "If it wasn't for Porchlight I'd still be living in a flat that was unfit for human habitation, struggling with managing money, and mixing with the wrong crowd. Now I'm looking forward to getting my own place one day and living more independently.

"The canoeing is a really good opportunity for learning to work as part of a team and for keeping fit. I'm really pleased to be a part of it."

KCC handed over £1,000 funding, and Cllr Graham Gibbens said: "Its work is important to Canterbury and the area that I represent."

Manufacturing a prize to reward bright inventions

A KENT MP has launched an unusual competition to boost ideas for manufacturing.

Gordon Henderson, who represents Swale, said the We Made It competition will work with local schools and industry to help young people understand how exciting and rewarding a career in manufacturing could be.

Students aged between 13 and 16 can submit designs and ideas for a gadget, gizmo, toy or tool they'd like to see made.

It can be any invention, no matter how unusual so long as it is realistic enough to be made. And the very best could be turned in to a reality.

The entries will be judged by Mr Henderson and the winner will be entered into a nationwide competition judged by a group of organisations involved in manufacturing, including Boeing.

Later this autumn, Mr Henderson will bring the winner of our local competition to a reception and awards ceremony in Parliament and they'll have the opportunity to meet the heads of the manufacturing organisations involved in the project and learn how to take their career in manufacturing further.

The MP said: "I'm very proud to be supporting this great project to help young people turn their ideas into reality.

"Britain desperately needs more young people aspiring to high-level manufacturing jobs and gain a better understanding of how the industry and businesses involved in it actually works."

Visit www.wemadeituk.co.uk for more details.

A design for success is set to fashion a top job for bright UCA student

MOVE over D&G and Gucci, Suzanne Graham is on the way after impressing some of the fashion industry's biggest names.

The fashion student from the University for the Creative Arts was hotly tipped for success at this year's Graduate Fashion Week (GFW) by influential style commentator Hilary Alexander.

Miss Graham studies BA (Hons) fashion design at Rochester.

She has been named 'one to watch' in a feature by the respected fashion journalist for British Airways' in-flight magazine High Life which is seen by more than three million people every month.

As a consequence, she got to show her graduate collection alongside fellow course-mates at GFW at London's Earls Court.

Miss Graham, 21, who grew up in Beijing, said: "I feel very privileged to be picked as 'one to watch' by Hilary Alexander – I've long read her articles where she has critiqued legendary fashion designers, but I would never have dared to imagine that she might write about me one day.

"Hilary's seal of approval has given me a tremendous boost in confidence, which has really helped my final collection become what it is, but now I am really excited about GFW and seeing my designs go down the runway."

Miss Graham's work is inspired by the 'Beggar Prince' of China, a real-life modern tale of a homeless man who became an internet sensation for his good looks and unique bohemian style, which often features women's clothing.

She said: "It is a true life modern fairy tale and tragedy of a man named XiLiGe, also known as Brother Sharp, who lives in China.

"He was a farmer who wanted a different life and so went into the city to find happiness and a career. After a few years he found himself with a wife and child and a lovely home. In a spate of misfortune, he was robbed of his savings and lost his job. Too ashamed to go back home and face his wife, he left everything and went on the streets to beg."

She crafted a genderless collection which uses a mix of fabrics and styles, while the length of clothing is often unconventional.

Hilary Alexander said of her: "The first thing that attracted me to Suzanne's work was the story of the Beggar Prince – I was intrigued by the tale and, as I looked through her sketches, I appreciated how cleverly she has translated what might be called 'homeless chic' into a well-thought out casual-wear collection, in terms of shape, silhouette, fabric and colour."

The Rochester university is no stranger to success at the popular and prestigious show.

Last year, UCA Rochester's Lyudmila Lane got through to the Gala Show which decides who will win the Gold Award worth £20,000, and Rochester's Myrto Stamou won the overall Gold Award in 2009.

The University for the Creative Arts has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester. It is one of Europe's largest specialist universities of art, design, architecture, media and communication.

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ARTISTIC: Suzanne Graham and one of the designs from her collection

Schools & education

Undergraduate shines like a star as astrophysics paper is published

AN ASTROPHYSICS student has become one of the few to have his personal research published in a recognised journal.

Mark Salisbury, from Sandwich, is part of a group of Open University students to have reached such a prestigious achievement.

Mr Salisbury studied the OU's astrophysics course and went many steps further than most undergraduate students in developing his findings into a full blown academic paper.

It started out as a hobby, but led to the group of undergraduate students writing two ambitious peer-reviewed research papers.

It makes a major contribution towards our understanding of close, interacting binary stars, and of magnetic cycles on rapidly rotating stars.

He said they investigated a particular type of binary star, which is two stars very close together and in the process of interacting.

The students used the OU's remotely operable telescope, PIRATE, to acquire data and interpret this in project progress reports.

It will be published in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association.

Dr Ulrich Kolb, senior lecturer in the department of physical sciences, said: "This is a great example of how OU study can lead to the pinnacle of academic achievement."

College opens its doors to impress ahead of new term

THE open day at Canterbury College at Sheppey this year promises to be a major day out as well as a chance to take the first step on to the career ladder.

The college reveals there will be plenty of giveaways, including the chance for some visitors to leave with a new hairstyle.

Sheppey campus principal Philip Wicker will be on hand to give advice to prospective students at the event.

There will be stands and displays showcasing the wide range of courses such as hairdressing, bricklaying, and business, as well as new courses including barbering, event management and health and social care.

All these start in September.

Visitors at the Bridge Road campus can also get free hair and beauty treatments, have a go on Nintendo Wii's Olympic challenge and enjoy a snack of cupcakes and other refreshments. There's even the opportunity for visitors to take part in a special Swap Shop, where they can exchange their old clothes and computer games.

CHOICES: Making sure the course is right for you is essential for ensuring the success of your future career prospects

Staff will be at Sheerness Clock Tower with vouchers for visitors to get free goodie bag and McDonald's meal voucher.

Canterbury College has over 10,000 students across the county. It has been nationally recognised with the Training Quality Standard, Investors in People Gold and Matrix Award.

For more details visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk email c.thomas@canterburycollegeac.uk or call 01227 811347

The open day runs on June 20 from 1-7pm.

Enterprising opportunity as teens go head-to-head for business gong

EIGHT teams of teenage entrepreneurs who set up and run their own real companies are to battle it out in the South East regional finals of a major business competition.

The 15 to 19-year-olds from schools in Berkshire, Sussex, Hampshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Guernsey, and of course Kent, have thrashed thousands of other so far.

Now they are heading for the South East Young Enterprise Innovation Awards 2012 with the winner going forward to represent the South East at the HSBC Young Enterprise Innovation Awards in London on July 1-3.

The students have set up and run their own real businesses over the last year, supported by local business mentors, as part of a Young Enterprise scheme to encourage the South East's next generation of entrepreneurs.

Kent is represented by Beech Grove Academy, Nonington, where students set up Link 2 Nature which offers children fun ways to play and learn that weren't based around a TV or video screen. Karen Mangen, Young Enterprise area manager for the South East, said: "Young Enterprise aims to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs and with the determination and drive they've demonstrated so far these young people could very well be the tycoons of the future."

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KENT JOBS FOR KENT YOUNG PEOPLE

Former Tory leader IDS is 'most impressed' on visit to scheme

THE Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has hailed a Kent scheme that has already created 100 apprenticeship opportunities in just a month – adding to the 5,000 apprentices already in the county.

Iain Duncan Smith made a visit to find out about Kent jobs for Kent's young people – a countywide campaign to galvanise businesses and organisations to hire an apprentice and give unemployed young people the chance to learn and earn.

Kent County Council says the opportunities are there for young people as the weekly cost to employers for taking on an apprentice has been reduced to as little as £52 per week by bringing together national and local subsidies.

At the Maidstone Skills and Community Centre, Mr Duncan Smith spoke to apprentices who have been given a massive opportunity to get a foot on the career ladder and employers who are able to expand their business while training the next generation.

SO PLEASED: Paul Carter and Iain Duncan Smith, centre, during the tour

Mr Duncan Smith, known as IDS during his brief tenure as leader of the Conservative Party, said: "Kent jobs for Kent young people is an excellent innovation.

"It is binding together a lot of what we are doing nationally with some extra things Kent County Council is able to pay for and initiate – bringing the businesses together and informing them about the apprenticeship programmes we have got and what the subsidies are.

"This is about information, this is about organising and galvanising young people and getting them ready for work."

KCC has invested £2million to help employers give young people the opportunity to work and train in their business. The county's businesses and organisations could be eligible to access grants of £2,000 to take on an apprentice – in some cases, when combined with national funding, businesses stand to receive up to £4,275.

KCC has made tackling youth unemployment one of its top priorities and wants to double the number of apprentices in the public and private sectors from 5,000 to 10,000. April's jobless figures for 18- to 24-year-olds totalled 8,990 in Kent. The recession has hit young people hardest, with the numbers seeking employment doubling over a four-year period.

KCC leader Paul Carter said: "Kent is on the same page as the Coalition government in recognising the risks of a lost generation if we do not tackle youth unemployment.

"Iain Duncan Smith gained much from his visit to Kent and was most impressed by the aggressive marketing campaign to wake up the public and private sectors to the opportunities this scheme offers to businesses and young people.

"In Kent we are really on the side of young people and parents. We have invested heavily in vocational education – getting thousands of 14- to 19-year-olds equipped for the world of work.

"This new apprenticeship campaign builds on that."

TRAINING

Funding boost to develop nuclear skills

THE Government has announced an investment of more than £920,000 to expand a skills academy for the nuclear industry.

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills put money from the innovation and growth fund into the training facility, which will be matched by a contribution from business.

The expanded academy will collaborate with the Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) and Semta, the Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies. In the first three years, it will take on 3,500 more learners, including more than 500 apprentices.

Energy minister Charles Hendry said: "The nuclear new-build programme and existing decommissioning activities provide a substantial opportunity for UK manufacturers to expand and create highly-skilled jobs.

"This is an excellent example of skills bodies working together to improve the provision of nuclear-related training to ensure the UK workforce can take full advantage of job opportunities.

"Meeting the skills demand for the build programme will be a challenge, and to this end the Nuclear Energy Skills Alliance (NESA) exists to facilitate collaborative working among skills bodies."

BRIGHT SPARKS: Nuclear industry's expanded skills academy will take on 3,500 more learners – including some 500 apprentices

Jean Llewellyn, chief executive of the National Skills Academy for Nuclear, said: "The opportunities for the manufacturing supply chain in this area are considerable for the UK alone, running into many millions. Combine this with the global market share manufacturers in the UK could access and the importance of this sector in delivering high-value exports becomes apparent."

APPRENTICESHIPS

Training opportunities for would-be white-collar employees

APPRENTICESHIPS should be more relevant and beneficial for people in Kent, says a body looking into opportunities for young people.

The Financial Skills Partnership has praised a Parliamentary committee for bringing to the fore the debate on the improvement of apprenticeships.

The Committee of Public Accounts has said that a fifth of apprenticeships last less than six weeks and are of no benefit. The report follows a promise from the Government to place greater emphasis on longer and more comprehensive apprenticeships that prepare people for work.

Liz Field, CEO of the Financial Skills Partnership, said: "The apprenticeship is now at a stage where it must evolve to encompass the wider range of careers it can lead people into. Apprenticeships are just as applicable to white-collar jobs as they are to traditional jobs associated with trades and as a result we must take a much more contemporary view of how we deliver apprenticeships in Kent."

FSP has been awarded Government funding to help develop employer-led higher-apprenticeship frameworks in banking and insurance, with an initial project creating 270 new opportunities on a par with the first year of a degree as they include exams from the professional institutes in the finance sector.

Major employers are on board, such as HSBC, which will offer opportunities in a variety of roles within its organisation.

PARTNERS FOR GROWTH

Cash loan enables firms to expand

A MEDWAY-based online retailer that started as a business run from home but now supplies goods to top stores including Tesco and Argos is expanding thanks to financial help from Medway Council.

24/7 Electrical and sister company Popcorn home shopping have received a £15,000 interest-free Partners For Growth loan to expand into new premises.

The internet-based companies have a stock of more than 40,000 goods, selling everything from batteries to fridge-freezers and fancy-dress and are fulfilling orders for global retailers.

They are owned by entrepreneur Simon Dack, who started working from home in 2003, selling movies and games after quitting a successful career as a regional manager for restaurant chain McDonalds.

Mr Dack said: "I always wanted to do my own thing and although I took a large pay cut and lost the many benefits that came with my career, I knew running my own business was what I wanted to be doing.

"When it all started in 2003, online retail was relatively new, and shopping online was very impersonal. My background and skills are very much focused on service and communications and I wanted to provide the values of a high-street shop online."

The businesses have used their loan to help finance a move to new premises at the Invicta Business Centre, Gillingham, where they have created a modern, open-plan office environment for the team of 17, including five apprentices.

The new premises are low-energy, with plenty of natural light.

"Without the loan there's no way we'd have considered taking the gamble to move to our own premises, renovate them and be the business that we are today," said Mr Dack.

"Now, as well as our warehouse space, we have a place where we can train staff and hold meetings with clients – something that shows a customer that we're professional and impresses them."

The council's Partners For Growth scheme, one of a few of its kind in the South East, offers business loans and grants to help companies start up and develop.

In addition to its loan, the company will also benefit from the council's apprenticeship subsidy scheme GAPs, which offers businesses a £2,000 subsidy to go towards the wage or training costs of an apprentice, and has taken on two young people under the scheme.

Eighteen-year-old Matthew Handley, from Hempstead, has been at the business as an IT apprentice for five months.

"I knew I didn't want to go to university and decided I'd rather gain real hands-on experience while working towards a qualification as well," said Mr Handley. "Working in a small business is particularly good because you feel like you're playing an important role and I've been able to get one-to-one tuition and help."

Lauren Ellis, 20, from Sittingbourne, is two months into her apprenticeship in warehouse and dispatch at the company.

She said: "I'd been looking at apprenticeships for a long time and I thought it sounded like a nice company to be a part of. It's been hard trying to find work, but working here makes me feel worthwhile, like I'm playing an important role in the company."

Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, Jane Chitty, said: "It's great to see a business prepared to invest in the future and provide so many exciting opportunities for people.

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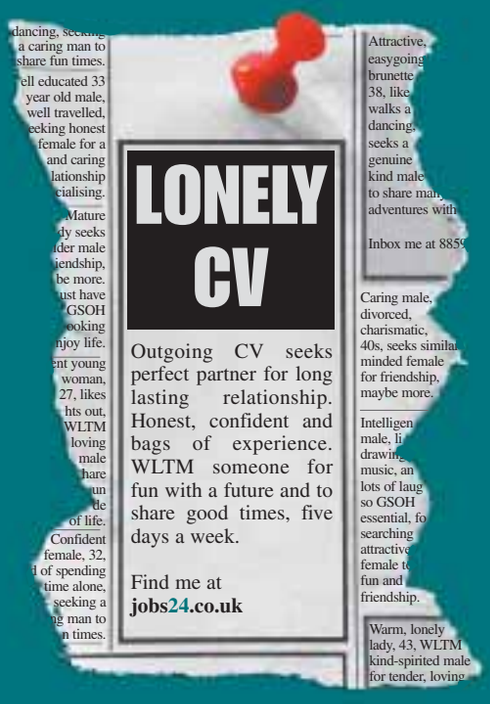

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Contact:
Mr D Jones, Pent Valley Technology College,
Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4ED.
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IMPORTANT: THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS INTERESTS IN PROPERTY

FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

THE SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL (LAND AT DUNSTALL LANE, ST MARY'S BAY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990

the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and

the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Power to make general vesting declaration

1. The District Council of Shepway (hereinafter called the "Council") may acquire any of the land described in the Schedule hereto by making a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. This has the effect, subject to paragraph 4 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below. A declaration may not be made before the end of a period of two months from the first publication of a notice which includes this statement except with the consent in writing of every occupier of the land affected.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

2. As soon as may be after the Council make a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in any notice. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a further period begins to run. This period, which must not be less than 28 days, will be specified in the declaration. On the first day after the end of this period ("the Vesting Date") the land described in the declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraph 4, vest in the Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the Vesting Date.

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

3. In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", ie. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or "a long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the Vesting Date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.

4. The modifications are that the Council may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 3 unless they first serve notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than 14 days from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

SCHEDULE

LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

LAND TO BE ACQUIRED

1 All interests in Dunstall Lane, other than those of the acquiring authority and any adjoining owners rights, over the land outlined in red and delineated number 1 on the plan annexed to the said Order.

2 All interests in the land known as land on the West Side of Dymchurch Road St Mary's Bay outlined in red and hatched red and delineated number 2 on the plan annexed to the said Order.

FORM FOR GIVING INFORMATION

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPWAY (LAND AT DUNSTALL LANE, ST MARY'S BAY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011

To: The District Council of Shepway, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

[I] [We] being [a person] [persons] who, if a general vesting declaration were made under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of all the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order cited above in respect of which notice to treat has not been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of that Act.

1 Name and address of informant(s) (i)

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2 Land in which an interest is held by informant(s) (ii)

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3 Nature of interest (iii)

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Signed: .....

[on behalf of: .....]

Date: .....

(i) In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants.

(ii) The land should be described concisely.

(iii) If the land is leasehold, the date of commencement and length of term should be given. If the land is subject to a mortgage or other encumbrance, details should be given, for example, name of building society and roll number.

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/00484/LB: 94 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Reinstatement of inglenook fireplace to ground floor. **Applicant: G & L Developments Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/00868/FUL: 12 Victoria Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5BJ Replacement windows and front door. **Applicant: Mrs Butler** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/00893/LB: Denstead Manor, Denstead Lane, Chartham Hatch, Chartham, CT4 7NL Replacement staircase in kitchen. **Applicant: Mr Stephen Kingsman** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/00903/LB: 22 The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EP Alteration to fire place surround and chimney stack. **Applicant: Mr Christopher Robinson** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/00909/FUL: 31 Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NF Single-storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling; insertion of two dormers in rear roofslope. **Applicant: Mr E Palmer** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/00952/FUL: Former Habitat Premises, St Andrews Close, Canterbury, CT1 2RL Extension and associated alterations. **Applicant: Legal & General Assurance Limited** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/00953/FUL: BT Telephone Exchange, Molehill Road, Chestfield, CT5 3PA Replacement of two windows with ventilation louvres. **Applicant: BT** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/00955/LB: 12 Parade, Canterbury, CT1 2SG Replacement signage and internal alterations. **Applicant: Lush Retail Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/00960/FUL: Longtye, Church Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AH Single-storey side extension with decking, erection of detached garage and associated covered walkway. **Applicant: Mrs Balfour** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 9 July 2012.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 15 June 2012

Public Notice

17 June 2012

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Act 2003

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury City Council Licensing Committee will take place at 10am on Wednesday 4 July 2012, at the Guildhall, Canterbury.

If you wish to speak at the meeting (for a maximum of three minutes) about the operation of the Licensing Act 2003 in the Canterbury district, please contact Jemma Richards, Democratic Services as follows:

E-mail: **jemma.richards@canterbury.gov.uk**
Write: Jemma Richards at the address below, or
Phone: **01227 862 009**

by no later than 12.30pm on **Tuesday 3 July 2012**.

It would be helpful if you could include an indication of the matters you intend to bring to the attention of the committee or any questions you would wish the meeting to address.

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Business Support Manager
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Proposed Disposal of Land Forming Part of an Open Space

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Any representations about the proposed disposals should be made in writing either by letter or e - mail to Paul Marshall, Estate Management Officer, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY, e - mail paul.marshall@shepway.gov.uk not later than 1 July 2012.

Schedule

Areas of open space adjoining the following streets

- Underwood
- Kettle Drive
- Heron Forstal Avenue (next to the Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Haven Drive
- Proctor Walk/ Pannell Drive

Chris Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

Date: 17 June 2012

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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/SE/0176/2012 - Proposed development at Cowden Exploration Site, Field No. 0002 Claydene Farm, Off Hartfield Road, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent

Cuadrilla Resources Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for application to vary condition (29) and (30) of permission SE/98/234 to retain the Cowden Exploration Site, access and wellhead valve assembly for a further period of one year to allow time for the borehole abandonment and complete the site restoration.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 24 OF DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

SW/10/774 - Proposed development at Ridham Dock, Iwade, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR

I give notice that having taken environmental information submitted in support of the proposal into consideration Kent County Council has granted planning permission to Renewable Energy Projects Development Ltd for the construction and operation of a biomass combined heat and power plant including external and covered waste wood storage, associated weighbridge, parking and underground pipework to pumping station.

You may view copies of the application, the plans, other documents submitted with the application and the planning permission at Swale Borough Council offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the offices of the Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications using application reference SW/10/774

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 17 June 2012

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01595/FUL **Moat Bungalow, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and replace with a dwelling and detached garage (PROW) (LB)

12/01597/HOUSE **Crit Hall, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Replacement conservatory (LB)

12/01598/LBC **Crit Hall, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent - Replacement conservatory (LB)

12/01667/LBC **Mounts Farm Barn, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent: Alterations to garage block previously approved under TW/09/00708. Conversion of stable block to form home office/hobbies room/shower room (LB)

12/01653/FUL **Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre, Eridge Road, Broadwater**
- Demolition of two-storey building and erection of a single-storey extension, to include reorganisation of parking (TW/11/03032 refers) -variation of condition 10 - use of proposed extension (CA) (MAJOR)

12/01365/LBC **Bird In Hand, Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Installation of chimney cowl to living room and bedroom two flues (LB)

12/01543/HOUSE **11 Earls Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Two-storey front extension and single storey rear extension (CA)

12/01603/FUL **6 Hanover Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Change of use from B1 offices to C3 residential as single 3 bedroom dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01657/FUL **Ground Floor 1 - 3 Lime Hill Road, Culverden**
- External alterations to front elevation shopfront (CA)

12/01631/HOUSE **Tower Cottage Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Retrospective - Garden shed (LB)

12/01632/LBC **Tower Cottage Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Garden shed (works carried out) (LB)

12/01671/HOUSE **Forge Cottage, Church Road, Goudhurst**
- Conversion of outbuilding to summer house/kids play space/ art studio with storage above (CA)

12/01506/HOUSE **The Granary, The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Single storey side extension (CA)

12/01580/HOUSE **Pepper Pot Farm, Clayhill Road, Lamberhurst**
- Two-storey extension to include annexe (PROW)

12/01611/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
- Side extension to form a collecting yard, milking parlour and milk holding facilities (LB)

12/01616/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
- Calf rearing and housing building (LB)

12/01620/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
- Dry cow and calving building (LB)

12/01519/HOUSE **85 Frant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Demolition of conservatory and replacement orangery with extended terrace and steps (retrospective) (CA)

12/01619/FUL **Garages Cambridge Gardens, Pantiles & St Marks- Extension of time**
- Three terraced townhouses (reference TW/09/01540) (CA)

12/01622/HOUSE **The Lodge, 6 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Retrospective replacement boundary fence (CA)

12/01642/FUL **90 - 92 Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Removal of roller shutter. Installation of new shop front (CA) (LB)

12/01643/LBC **90 - 92 Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of roller shutter. Installation of new shop front (LB)

12/01529/FUL **Kent College For Girls, Old Church Road, Pembury**
- Attenuation basin and temporary topsoil stockpile (LB)

12/01609/HOUSE **12 Apsley Street, Rusthall, Rusthall**
- Single-storey rear extension (CA)

12/01639/HOUSE **Sundial Oast Ethnam Lane, Sandhurst**- Demolition of concrete panelled garage and construction of oak-framed garage (LB)

12/01588/FUL **Walden Hill, 7 Birchwood Avenue, Southborough Town Council**
- Detached dwelling with new access drive to Birchwood Avenue and remodelling of existing property and detached garage (CA)

12/01591/HOUSE **14 Church Road, Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Single storey rear extension (CA) (LB)

12/01658/HOUSE **Holden House, Holden Road, Southborough Town Council**
- Detached garage block with studio and store above (CA) (LB)

12/01661/LBC **Holden House Holden Road, Southborough Town Council**
- Listed Building Consent: Detached garage block with studio and store above (LB)

12/01587/HOUSE **Birchett Meads Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Extension, alterations and loft conversion (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet.
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Jim Kehoe Head of Planning ServicesTown Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 16 June 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0032/S - 3 BOUNDARY COTTAGE, ST HELENS CORNER, ST HELENS LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JX - Listed Building Consent for insertion of a new ground floor window to the north elevation, the replacement of an existing non-opening first floor window with a new window with opening casement to north elevation, replacement of an existing glazed panel door with a half-glazed stable door in west elevation and replacement of two existing windows and brick infill panel with new single window and replacement brick panel in west elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0575/N - CAR PARK AT HUCKING ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, HUCKING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QT - Extension to existing car park and associated works. **Reason: 7**

MA/12/0742/S - LODDINGTON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AD - Change of use and conversion of first floor from Class D1 to Class C3 to form one self contained flat. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0744/N - PRIORY CHAPEL, PRIORY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NL - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0745/N - LA TASCA, 58, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PS - Use of pavement as an outdoor seating area. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0777/S - LITTLE BOCKINGFORD, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DN - Replacement, resizing and repositioning of kitchen windows. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0778/S - LITTLE BOCKINGFORD, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DN - An application for listed building consent for replacement, resizing and repositioning of kitchen windows. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0787/S - 12GRANARY LOFT, FOREMANS WALK, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NE - Installation of solar panels. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0818/N - FAIRBOURNE MANOR, FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1LN - An application for listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of the barn to a dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0826/N - HARVEST BANK HOUSE & THE OLD POST OFFICE, LENHAM HEATH ROAD, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2NB - Erection of a porch to Harvest Bank House and a three-bay cart-lodge to serve both Harvest Bank House (two bays) and The Old Post Office (one bay). **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0830/N - 89, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Change of use and conversion of first floor B1 office to C3 residential with the creation of four bed sit flats. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0831/N - 89, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Listed building consent is sought for the conversion of existing office in to four bed sit flats. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0852/S - CHEMISTS SHOP, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9DP - Installation of a shopfront and air-conditioning unit to rear external wall. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0853/S - CHEMISTS SHOP, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9DP - Listed building consent for the installation of a shopfront, fascia, stallriser and pilasters, automatic glass sliding door with timber detail, externally illuminated projecting sign and air-conditioning unit to rear external wall. Reason: 3

MA/12/0862/S - SUMMERHILL OAST, BATTLE LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AH - Erection of a detached three bay garage with workbench/storage over. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0867/S - CONGELOW FARM, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6ET - An application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission MA/08/0163 (Development of existing site including extension to store, creation of new commercial space; creation of new research and development space and creation of new access) in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/12/0883/S - WRENS NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house (amendments to application MA/11/1249). **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0887/N - PURPLEHILL WORKS, WHITE HILL ROAD, DETLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3HH - Revised scheme for demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of 4no. residential dwellings, access and parking. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0889/S - HEATHSIDE HOUSE, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AH - New external Portacabin storage facility for healthcare furniture and mobility equipment. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0897/N - 62 - 66, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NA - Change of use of ground floors to A1 Use (retail). **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0900/N - GREENWAY COURT BARN, GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QE - Replacement rear extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0905/S - HILL PLACE, LINTON HILL, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AL - Alterations to access. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0915/S - GREAT IVY MILL, IVY MILL LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6XF - An application for listed building consent for alterations to the lower ground floor. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0922/S - IDEN PARK SERVICE STATION, CRANBROOK ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0EJ - Outline application for the redevelopment of the existing garage and petrol station to provide eight dwellings, with means of access to be determined and all other matters reserved for subsequent approval. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0930/N - GARDNERS COTTAGE, CHILSTON PARK, BOUGHTON ROAD, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2BE - Listed building consent for the erection of a detached garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0933/S - 6, THE CHAPEL, FENNEL CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0XD - An application for listed building consent for alterations to ground floor layout including relocation of doorways and removal of partitions. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0946/S - KELSHAM FARM, FOUR OAKS ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NY - An application for listed building consent for erection of an orangery extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0947/N - LITTLE CHEGWORTH, CHEGWORTH ROAD, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DG - An application for listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of the agricultural building to a holiday let, with internal re-planning and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0964/S - 27, LINTON ROAD, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0AG - Loft conversion using two rear dormer windows, plus three roof windows to the side slopes and one roof window to the new front slope, to provide additional residential accommodation. Demolition of existing garage and new two storey side extension plus front porch. **Reason: 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **1st July 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 17th June 2012

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Swale Borough Council

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 2ND JULY 2012

SW/12/0447:
Retrospective siting of caravan for security purposes - Bexon Manor Farm, Hawks Hill Road, BREDGAR; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0553:
Extension to existing livestock building to provide appropriate cow cubicles - Badlesmere Court Farm, BADLESMERE, **REASON 2**

SW/12/0558:
Restoration and extension of No. 1A Saxon Road to form one 1-bed and one 2-bed flat. Change of use of commercial premises at rear to residential use and erection of two 2-bed semi-detached dwellings together with associated amenity and parking spaces - 1A Sound Ideas UK Ltd, Saxon Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0731:
Outline planning permission to redevelop the site for 33 dwellings comprising a mix of detached, semi-detached and terraced houses all with their own amenity space along with provision of landscaping, improvement of existing access, new internal road to service the development, parking and turning and construction of a surface water balace pond - Sunny View, Scocles Road, MINSTER; **REASONS 2, 3 & 4**

SW/12/0775
Positioning of two water storage tanks (removable) - Land north west of Thanet Way and south of Highstreet Road, Waterham, HERNHILL; **REASON 2**
Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Bradbourne House, East Malling**
Applicant: **Adrian Padfield**
Name of Premises: **Allington Castle, Maidstone**
Applicant: **Sir Robert Worcester**

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0460/SH + -106 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6DY - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y12/0361/SH + - 104 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6DY - Listed building consent for the attachment of a proposed single storey rear extension to No.106 Stade Street, to the rear of No.104 Stade Street.

Y12/0520/SH - Flat 2 The Haven 10 The Riviera Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Installation of 3 replacement uPVC windows to south facing elevation of ground floor flat.

Y12/0247/SH - Augusta Gardens Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent - Pruning of a Holm Oak situated within a conservation area.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW170 (PART) HOTHFIELD) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 28 November 2011 The Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW170 which commences at a NGR TQ 97628 43579 (Point A) and runs in a generally west north westerly direction for approximately 218 metres to its connection with Godinton Lane (C154) at NGR TQ 97426 43667 (Point B) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW170, which commences at NGR TQ 97628 43579 (Point A) and runs in a generally westerly direction for approximately 40 metres, where it passes through a kissing gate - located on the school boundary - at NGR TQ 97587 43581 (Point X), then immediately crosses a sleeper bridge - over a drainage ditch - for a distance of 2 metres, thence continues in a generally westerly direction for approximately 1.5 metres to NGR TQ 97583 43582 (Point C), thence in a generally west south westerly direction for approximately 87 metres, thence in a generally westerly direction for approximately 43 metres, where it passes through a 2 metres gap in the hedge at NGR TQ 97503 43514 (Point E), thence continues in a generally westerly direction for approximately 126 metres and thence in a generally west north westerly direction for approximately 110 metres, where it passes through a kissing gate and connects with Godinton Lane (C154) at NGR TQ 97285 43550 (Point G). Between Points A-C-D-E-F-G on the Order Plan. The new length of public footpath has a width of 2 metres, except where it crosses the sleeper bridge at NGR TQ 97589 43580 (Point X) where it narrows to a width of 1 metre for a distance of 2 metres, and where it passes through the kissing gates at NGR TQ 97587 43581 (Point X) and NGR TQ 97285 43550 (Point G), where it narrows to a width of 1 metre. As shown on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of the Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road ,Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order came into force on 26 December 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the14 January 2012, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH236A AND KH308 IN THE PARISHES OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD & KINGSWOOD

(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH236A & KH308) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTIONS 16A - C AS INSERTED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 1.

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpaths KH236A and KH308 between Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Ground NGR TQ 830 532 and Broomfield Road from 10:00am on Saturday the 14 July to 08:00am on Sunday the 15 July 2012.

The paths will be closed to facilitate the holding of the Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert 2012.

Safe and convenient alternative routes are available. The alternative routes that can be used by pedestrians are from the cricket pitch to Ashford Road via public footpath KH239; and from Burberry Lane to Broomfield Road via public footpaths KH238 and KH237.

For detailed enquiries please contact: John Pelham

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR427 IN THE PARISH OF IGHTHAM

PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR427 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MR427 between Ismays Road and Coach Road from the 28th June 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 31st July 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snoding

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX **Dated: 17th June 2012**

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have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 18th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Pleasure House Lane, East Sutton
Extent: Chartway Street to East Sutton Road
Dates: Start: 18th June 2012
End: 22nd June 2012
Diversion: East Sutton Road, Workhouse Lane, Chartway Street

Road Name: Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: Maidstone Road to Headcorn Road
Dates: Start: 18th June 2012
End: 22nd June 2012
Diversion: Maidstone Road, Station Road, Headcorn Road

Road Name: Pitt Road, Broomfield and Kingswood
Extent: Chartway Street to Gravelly Bottom Road
Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012
End: 6th July 2012
Diversion: Gravelly Bottom Road, Ulcombe Road, Leeds Road, Maidstone Road, Chartway Street

Road Name: East Hall Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Hermitage Lane to Weirton Road
Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012
End: 6th July 2012
Diversion: Hermitage Lane, Weirton Hill, Weirton Road

Road Name: Grave Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: Clapper Lane to Summer Hill Road
Dates: Start: 5th July 2012
End: 6th July 2012
Diversion: Burberry Lane, Summer Hill Road, A229 Maidstone Road, Clapper Lane, Carpenters Lane

Road Name: Gore Court Road, Otham
Extent: Sutton Road to White Horse Lane
Dates: Start: 9th July 2012
End: 13th July 2012
Diversion: Willington Street, Deringwood Drive, Church Road

Road Name: Lower Farm Road, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Stile Bridge Lane to Chart Hill Road
Dates: Start: 9th July 2012 End: 13th July 2012
Diversion: Stilebridge Lane, Linton Hill, Staplehurst Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name: New House Lane, Headcorn
Extent: Water Lane to Bletchenden Road
Dates: Start: 16th July 2012
End: 20th July 2012
Diversion: Water Lane, Moat Road, North Street, High Street, Biddenden Road, Bletchenden Road

Road Name: Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Long Lane to Chart Hill Road
Dates: Start16th July 2012
End: 20th July 2012
Diversion: Long Lane, Lower Farm Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name: Tattlebury Lane, Headcorn
Extent: A274 Maidstone Road to Ulcombe Road
Dates: Start: 24th July 2012 End: 27th July 2012
Diversion: A274 Maidstone Road, Mill Bank, Kings Road, Ulcombe Road

Road Name: White Horse Lane, Otham
Extent: Gore Court Lane to Honey Lane
Dates: Start: 1st October 2012 End: 5th October 2012
Diversion: Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Otham Street, Otham
Extent: Honey Lane to Caring Road
Dates: Start: 8th October 2012 End: 12th October 2012
Diversion: Caring Road, Caring Lane, Back Street, Avery Lane, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Honey Lane, Otham
Extent: Simmonds Lane to White Horse Lane
Dates: Start: 15th October 2012 End: 19th October 2012
Diversion: White Horse Lane, Sutton Road, New Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Gemma Catt on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHELSFIELD LANE, SHOREHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting through traffic on Chelsfield Lane, Shoreham, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Shoreham Lane Chelsfield (Bromley) to Shacklands Road, Shoreham.

There will be no access for through traffic at Shoreham Lane Chelsfield (Bromley) to Shacklands Road, Shoreham.

The alternative route is via: Approaching from the east, the diversion route is east along Shacklands Lane, then north along Cockerhurst Road then west along Redmans Lane and Rock Hill, then south along Hollybush Lane Chelsfield and Shoreham Lane Chelsfield The diversion for traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed.

CROUCH HOUSE ROAD, EDENBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crouch House Road, Edenbridge, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Orchard Drive to Greshams Way.

The alternative route is via Stangrove Road, B2026 Mont St Aignan Way and Station Road, Hilders Lane and Crouch House Road.

PILGRIMS WAY EAST, OTFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the installation of a new High Voltage cable , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pilgrims Way East, Otford , on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along Pilgrims Way East .

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Beechy Lees Road and Rowdow Lane.

The alternative route is via Station Road, Sevenoaks Road, Otford Road, Seal Road, School Lane and Childsbridge Lane.

PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING TRAINING DAY -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event takes place on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks as noted in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

The Order will become effective on 17th June 2012 and the event is to take place on 19th June 2012 with closures in place from 10:00 hrs to 21:00hrs. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

Schedule 1

The following Roads will be closed:

Road Name: A20 London Road, Farningham
Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic
Extent: From just north of it's junction with Scratchers Lane to the junction with the entrance to Brands Hatch race circuit.

Road Name: Scratchers Lane, Fawkham
Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic
Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown
Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic
Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratchers Lane

Road Name: Three Gates Road, Fawkham
Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic
Extent: Closed at its junction with Scratchers Lane.

Road Name: Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham
Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic
Extent: Closed at its junction with Fawkham Road.

Schedule 2

Parking and No Waiting Restrictions:-

Road Name: Scratchers Lane, Fawkham
Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012
Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road.

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown
Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012
Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratchers Lane.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Southbound: A20 London Road, A225 Eynsford Road, A225 High Street, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, A25 High Street, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road.

Northbound: A20 London Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 High Street, A25 Seal Road, A225 Otford Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 High Street, A225 Eynsford Road, A20 London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Paralympic Road Cycling Training Day Event.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

B2040 LOVE LANE & WHITSTABLE ROAD, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on the B2040 Love Lane & Whitstable Road, Faversham, on or after 6 July 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 8.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The road will be closed at the junction with Graveney Road.

There will be no access for through traffic from the A2 or A299 into Faversham using this route.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Western Link, Bysing Wood Road, Dark Hill, West Street, B2040 North Lane, Conduit Street, Court Street, Crescent Road, East Street and Whitstable Road.

Traffic from Graveney Road should use the A299 Thanet Way to reach A2 London Road before joining the above route.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116

STOPPING UP OF LAND AT PRIESTLEY DRIVE, TONBRIDGE

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 26th July 2012 at 10am for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Priestley Drive as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - Districts of Tonbridge & Malling

CUCKOO LANE, TONBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, on or after 19 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Higham Lane to Hadlow Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Hadlow Road/Cornwallis Avenue, Higham Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough on Tunbridge Wells

SANDHURST ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance works to the railway bridge, brickwork and vegetation clearance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandhurst Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 nights between 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Upper Grosvenor Road, Grosvenor Bridge, Quarry Road, Garden Road, Sandrock Road, A264 Pembury Road, Sandhurst Road.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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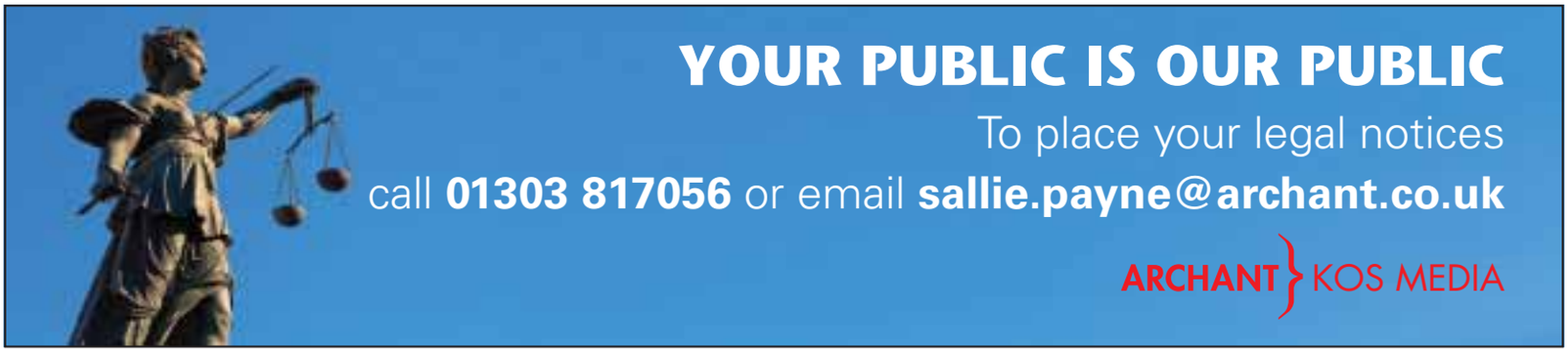

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

BOND ROAD, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway works prior to resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bond Road, Ashford, on or after 22 June 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with William Road and Jemmett Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Jemmett Road, B2229 Beaver Lane and Beaver Road.

Access to Mayhew Close and Grantley Close will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

CHURCH LANE, ALDINGTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Aldington, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Roman Road, Goldwell Lane, Evegate Road, Station Road and A20 Hythe Road.

TILDEN CHAPEL LANE, SMARDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to lay a high voltage cable in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tilden Chapel Lane, Smarden, on or after 3 July 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Smarden Road / The Cut.

The alternative route is via The Cut, Biddenden Road, Bethersden Road and Luckhurst Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter, Whitstable, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junction with Heritage Close and the entrance to Rowan Tree Park, with no access for through traffic between the A299 / A2990 Thanet Way and the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via A2290 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Joy Lane and Faversham Road.

LOUNGE ON THE FARM, CANTERBURY
(RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public during the 'Lounge On The Farm' Music Festival, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic and pedestrians, as detailed below.

The restrictions will take effect from 8.00 am Thursday 5th July until midday on Monday 9th July 2012 inclusive.

MERTON LANE, CANTERBURY will be closed between the junctions with B2068 Nackington Road and Stuppington Lane.

There will be managed access into and out of Nackington Road for those involved in or attending the 'Lounge on the Farm' event, and for residents and businesses within the closed section of road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2068 Nackington Road, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road, South Canterbury Road and Stuppington Lane.

30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD, CANTERBURY - a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph will be imposed between the junction with Bridge Road and the existing 30 mph / 40 mph speed limit sign, to the south of the junction with Langton Lane

NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on the sections of road defined below (except for emergency services), when indicated by 'No Waiting' cones on site.

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD - from the junction with Bridge Road to the existing double yellow lines to south of the junction with Langton Lane.

MERTON LANE NORTH - from the junction with Nackington Road for a distance of 250 metres, to the entrance to the Rugby Club.

CHURCH LANE - from the junction with Nackington Road, for its entire length.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

The use of sections of various footpaths in the vicinity of Merton Farm will be prohibited as detailed below, and indicated by signage on site.

CB348 / CC66A - the Public Footpath between Nackington Road and Merton Lane will be closed for its entire length.

CC65 - the Public Footpath from Nackington Road, along Merton Lane through Merton Farm (TR 149 549) will be closed for its entire length.

CB358 - the Bridleway will be closed from Merton Farm (TR 149 549) to the junction with Footpath CB357

HIGHWAYS - District of Dartford

BOB DUNN WAY, RENNIE DRIVE AND
MARSH STREET NORTH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic To accommodate the Bridge Triathlon, on Bob Dunn Way, on or after 24 June 2012 for up to 1 day and to accomidate the Midnight Man Triathlon on 18th August 2012 for 2 days on Bob Dunn Way, Rennie Drive and Marsh Street North or until the Event have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no East bound access for through traffic for the Bridge Triathlon on the 24th June 2012 from the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and for the Midnight man Triathlon on 18th to 19th August from the hours of 18:00pm to 05:00am

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Home Gardens, East Hill,The Brent and Cotton Lane.

HIGHWAY - District of Dover

CASTLE STREET AND WOOLCOMBER STREET, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Street and Woolcomber Street, Dover, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 4 nights, as defined below.

CASTLE STREET, DOVER will be closed in phases from 2 July 2012 for 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The alternative route for through traffic is via A256 Woolcomber Street, A20 Townwall Street and York Street.

A256 WOOLCOMBER STREET, DOVER will be closed in phases from 4 July 2012 for 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The alternative route is via A258 Castle Hill Road, A2 Jubilee Way and A20 Townwall Street.

Details for these closures are yet to be fully confirmed and will be publicised for the next Notice.

GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Glen Road, Kingsdown, Deal, on or after 23 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from The Rise to north of the junction with Osborne Road.

Planned work times will be between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Grams Road, Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Cecil Road, Kingsdown Road, Cliffe Road and Upper Street.

Some of the side roads will be closed at their junctions with Glen Road as the works progress, with local diversions.

SANDOWN ROAD, SANDWICH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandown Road, Sandwich, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with St George's Road and Knightrider Street.

The alternative routes are via St George's Road, New Street, Harnet Street, Strand Street, Upper Strand Street and Knightrider Street, or in reverse via Knightrider Street, Upper Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street and St George's Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS AND POSTLEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE)

(20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers under Sections 9 and 10 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

ROADS SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH:

1. B2163 Lower Street, Leeds, Maidstone - from a point 155 metres west of its junction with Burberry Lane in a westerly direction to a point 20 metres northeast of its junction with Wykeham Grove.

The existing Order 'The Kent County Council (Restricted Roads) (Route B2163, Leeds) Order 1985, Lower Street from a point 155 metres west of its junction with Burberry Lane to a point 20 metres northeast of its junction with Wykeham Grove is temporarily suspended for the duration of the Experimental Order.

2. Postley Road, Maidstone - from its junction with the roundabout junction with Courtenay Road and Armstrong Road to its junction with A229 Sheal's Crescent in a northerly direction.

That the Order making authority will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely and should be made permanent, a further Notice shall be published.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on Monday 25th June 2012 for a experimental period not exceeding 18 months, an explanatory statement and map showing the length of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ and Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, must do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and reference (TRO/Experimental/Maidstone/Leeds/20mph) to The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk and stating their reasons, not later than Monday 17th day of December 2012.

LENHAM ROAD, BOUGHTON MALHERBE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lenham Road, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Southernden Road and Crumps Lane.

The alternative route is via Southernden Road, Barham's Mill Road, Coldbridge Lane, Headcorn Road.

LIVERTON HILL, BOUGHTON MALHERBE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woodcock Lane and Green Lane.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Boughton Road, Lenham Heath Road.

TESTON LANE, TESTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance works by Network Rail, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Teston Lane, Teston, on or after 6 July 2012 for up to 1 night between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs and 13 July 2012 for a period of up to 10 nights between 22.00hrs and 06.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A26 Tonbridge Road to Teston Country Park.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Farleigh Lane, Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, Teston Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, act as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers and under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

Schedule

(Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places)

Road	Parish/Town	Length of Restriction
Becksbourne Close	Maidstone	On both sides from a point 24 metres north from its junction with Sandling Lane to a point 65 metres north from its junction with Sandling Lane.
Sandling Lane junction with Cuckoowood Avenue	Maidstone	From a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Cuckoowood Avenue to a point 10 metres southeast of its junction with Cuckoowood Avenue.
Cuckoowood Avenue	Maidstone	On both sides from its junction with Sandling Lane in a north easterly direction to its junction with Sandbourne Drive.
A274 North Street junction with Southways	Sutton Valence	From a point 10 metres northeast of its junction with Southways to a point 10 metres southwest of its junction with Southways.
Southways	Sutton Valence	Both sides from a point 17 metres west of its junction with A274 North Street to its junction with A274 North Street.

Full details are contained in the Order which comes into force 20th day of June 2012, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder

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MID 40's slim, attractive female, seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989**

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTM mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117**

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097**

DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093**

SUSAN very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTM genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085**

JACKIE 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013**

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743**

ANNE 60, Christian, WLTM similar person. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496**

FEMALE 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787**

CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565**

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301**

46YR old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143**

MONIQUE black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220**

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136**

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990**

51YR old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916**

SARAH 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912**

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331**

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309**

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTM Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305**

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389**

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815**

AMANDA 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733**

SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731**

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653**

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539**

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107**

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555**

HI I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103**

LISA blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020**

WENDY cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614**

MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159**

VAL compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155**

CARIBBEAN young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163**

DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362**

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051**

JEANETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703**

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701**

HELLO I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677**

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426**

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727**

HI genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. Call me **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381705**

IRENE looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381701**

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071**

NICOLE lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145**

JACQUELINE blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137**

YOUTHFUL 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771**

MARIE 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222**

JACKIE late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283**

BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503**

HI I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**

TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625**

SARA 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTM tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623**

ATTRACTIVE 48yr old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868**

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757**

TRUDIE blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389755**

AMANDA honest pretty single mum, 30, big brown eyes, attractive, seeking single male/dad for lots of tlc and companionship. pls call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389737**

ANNE romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225**

ATTRACTIVE lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987**

TARA 5ft big blue eyed babe with a cute smile looking for older sugar daddy who is not afraid to spend a little to live a lot! Good times always guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381731**

NIAMH slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real women. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051**

EMMA pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373**

DEBBIE slim outgoing approachable attractive lassie, 33yrs, GSOH, sporty, looking for non serious fun male for friendship, maybe more. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387101**

CHARLIE young 37yr old blonde attractive nurse, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387051**

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THE INTERVIEW

Rick Nunn

The Milk keep the party going

Joe Bill meets the next big thing ahead of their Lounge On The Farm gig

AS FESTIVAL season approaches, the music world is readying itself once more to admire the greats with all their "one last performance" gigs and also to embrace the new kids on the block.

Not literally – there won't be any dancing Wahlbergs at Lounge On The Farm – but there will certainly be some stars in the making. None more so than Essex quartet The Milk.

If you have had your finger on the musical pulse for the last couple of years, you will know that The Milk have been around for a little while. But with a new record deal, a debut album and slots on the top summer festival bills, these crazy cats could be about to go viral.

To listen to lead singer Rick Nunn sing, you could be forgiven for thinking you had gone back in time to a Motown soul gig, but in interview his cockney tones reveal his South East roots and love for all things West Ham. And indeed for the music industry.

"It's all about graft. Music is not a lucky game – you've just got to keep at it.

"All the festival line-ups sort of blend into one now, you know? When I was 16, in little bands trying to get signed, you think that behind the VIP security-guarded fence there is some sort of mysterious world of rock'n'roll where everyone is sitting around with guitars inspiring each other. It's really not like that, it's just people getting ready for their shows.

"Yeah, you bump into people, but it's not like in the movies... put it that way."

But the group, described as "party catalysts", are by no means wet behind the ears and are beginning to enjoy their new notoriety.

"It's nice to be associated with some of these big bands, you know. It's nice to just be on the same poster," said Nunn, above left.

"We're doing V Festival this year and I'm psyched about the fact we are on the same poster as The Stone Roses. I could never have imagined that one.

"It's all very surreal getting spotted in the street, but you know, if you don't enjoy it, you're in the wrong game. If you get p***** off by it, go and be a plumber."

The Milk name influences as diverse as The Prodigy and The Chemical Brothers to Otis Redding and James Brown. "We're all big dance fans but all big soul players, too. We take the sonic energy from dance music and the groove from soul."

The group also have a very special style in which they perform all of their live gigs.

Rick, 26, said: "We're like live DJs but with instruments rather than decks. The second we start playing, there is no silence for an hour. We keep the beat going, we keep the jams going – all the songs are linked, just like a DJ.

"The idea is that we get people up, that the energy level goes up and everyone is concentrating on having a good time, not necessarily concentrating on applauding us. The best gigs are when the audience is having a great time, and that makes our gig better.

"If you come to a Milk gig, you start to party until the second we're off. We just want to be the catalyst for the evening."

Lounge On The Farm has become a home from home for the boys, who have bagged a slot on the stage for a second year in a row.

"We did Lounge last year before we were signed, had an amazing time and ended up staying two nights. We did the gig the first night and had such a blast that we kept the bus there and partied through the next night. It was just a wicked festival. I remember I spent a lot of time in the silent disco because they let you stay there really late.

"A lot of festivals try to get the family-friendly, bohemian thing, but not a lot of them achieve it. It just ends up being haystacks and a few organic-burger vans and that's about it – there's no real vibe. But Lounge had all the props and managed to get the good vibe in there as well."

Their live sets have made people sit up and take note, with The Milk bagging a nomination for Best Breakthrough Artist at the UK Festival Awards last year, going up against the likes of Bruno Mars and Jessie James.

Nunn is backed by Mitch Ayling on drums and backing vocals, Luke Ayling on bass and Dan Le Gresley on guitar, keyboards and horns.

There is, however, another reason The Milk have become so well known... their artwork. Their website graphics feature the band's torsos with cat heads instead of their own.

"We aren't the graphic designers," said Nunn. "There are a few people that we trust in that department. We just get sent designs and thought 'Bloody hell, that's really clever'.

"When we started out, we wanted to keep it all pretty anonymous, and when you see our website it's all still pretty anonymous, just focusing on the tunes. It was just a cool little gimmick. I get bored of the same band photos all the time – give me something new.

"The cat heads are by no means an alter-ego. We haven't named them – it was just a cool concept that we digged when we saw it."

The Milk's debut album Tales Of The Thames Delta is due out on Monday, September 3, and could feature a collaboration with a star of top TV police series The Wire.

"Idris Elba from The Wire is a DJ and rapper, too. We're into our hip-hop as much as soul, but we play the beat rather than spin it on a deck, so working with urban artists is a big thing.

"We will release a couple more singles before the album and keep touring, picking up friends and working as hard as we can."

■ **The Milk play Lounge On The Farm Festival at Merton Farm, Canterbury, which runs from Friday to Sunday, July 6-8. Visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.**

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Continental serves up a treat but sorry service lets the side down

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

IF there is one thing that sets Whitstable aside from many of its competitor seaside towns, it is that you can drive through it and rarely, if at all, catch a glimpse of the sea from which it derives so much of its income and appeal.

In fact the only spot where you can park a car and see the sea, before you reach the grassy slopes of Tankerton, is one of the town's least picturesque viewpoints.

With the industrial shadow of the asphalt and aggregates plant at the harbour looming to the left and the coastline wrapping out of sight to the right, it struggles to inspire.

Yet it is here, just along from the snooker club, that the Hotel Continental is perched.

Its imposing exterior conceals a light and airy interior – large windows allowing the bar to be flooded with natural light – leading through to a raised area and bistro.

It's not renowned as a cheap venue – a hotel room here can set back the weary traveller £185 a night – and a lack of crowds suggests it is struggling to get the locals through the doors.

But is the food up to scratch? The short answer is yes – but it's let down by lack-lustre service that garnished every dish with the feeling that the venue's heart was not in it.

So let's cut to the chase. The service was poor

in that not-rude-but-just-failing-to-do-the-little-things way that defines the great from the good.

The wine is plonked, not poured; the dish on the moules marinière left for the diner to lift and release that all-important breath of herbs and shellfish; the menus – and maybe this is just a personal taste but I suspect not – laminated... and when we added an extra coffee to the final bill (which weighed in at over £80) there was a bit of huffing and puffing. In short, and in this competitive day and age, not good enough.

Which is a pity, as the food bordered on the excellent on occasion. The rack of lamb with a mint-and-artichoke purèe (£17.25) featured tender meat and a purèe that was like a dose of freshness setting your taste buds gambolling over the nearest sun-soaked field. A good blend.

What's more, the pan-fried fillet of salmon with new-potato cake (£15.95) proved a good balance of tastes. Certainly it was an improvement on the moules starter (£6.95). A regular on so many menus now, the ability to overcook mussels seems lost on very few. The sauce in which they were served was lifeless.

Unlike the deep-fried rock oysters (£6.50), which, while suffering from a little too much batter on some, offset the crunch of the batter with the soft meat.

With dessert and wine, the bill rocked up around £84. Yet on a Friday night the place is devoid of atmosphere. And the diner feels more like they are sat in a breakfast room (cornflakes put out ready) than a serious dining venue. A bit more effort and this would be a contender.

Chris Thomson

■ **Hotel Continental**
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Executive chef heads back to the future

FORMER head chef Neil Wiggins has returned to Eastwell Manor to take up the new role of overseeing the running of the Manor Restaurant and The Pavilion Restaurant.

Ashford-born Wiggins has accepted the executive head chef position at the AA four-red-star Country House Hotel and is looking to improve on its two-rosette standard.

Having trained at Thanet College, Wiggins took his first head chef position at the Mirabel Restaurant in Eastbourne, followed by terms at The Grand in Brighton and Alexander House in Crawley, where he achieved three rosettes for the restaurant.

Wrotham's Bull Hotel is among the stars

THE Bull Hotel in Wrotham has been awarded a four-star rating from the AA after a facelift.

The 14th-century coaching inn, headed by joint owners Martin Deadman and Lygia Fontanella, has been transformed into a more modern establishment.

The 11-room hotel also includes gourmet dining in the AA Rosette restaurant. The owners described the upgrade as "Changing Rooms on an epic scale" and invited guests including the Mayor of Tonbridge to the opening.

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Its greatness as a meal has travelled overseas as many tourist areas in France and Spain will strategically place the roast dinner on the menu to appease hungry Brits.

But here in Kent we are taking the tradition of the Sunday roast to the next level. We all know it is easy to change a roast in accordance with the seasons. There are the filling vegetables of winter such as Brussels sprouts, cabbage and parsnips, or the lighter summer offerings like new potatoes, peas and runner beans, but it is the choice of meats here in the Garden of England that has changed the face of the roast.

Gone are the days when lamb, beef, pork or chicken were all that Kent had to offer. Be on the look-out now for roast goose with chilli carrots, roast duck with plum sauce... or even roast woodpigeon!

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The choice of dishes that Kentish folk can proudly call 'locally sourced' provides an extra joy to our Sunday lunch.

Here are six wonderful places to savour the experience.

The Red Lion
Hernhill

Why here...
Located in the picturesque village of Hernehill, there is a warm, cosy atmosphere, with quality home-cooked food. Choose a drink from a varied selection of wines, beers and real ales.

On the menu...
A very popular Sunday lunch, offering one course for £10.50, two courses for £13.50 and three courses for £15.50. Choose from a selection of meats including pork, lamb, and beef with the trimmings.

How to book...
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The Acorn Inn
Birchington

Why here...
The Acorn Inn is a friendly, family-run pub in the heart of the seaside village of Birchington-on-Sea, Thanet. Hosts Peter and Cath offer a warm welcome to a pub that has existed since 1748.

On the menu...
The Acorn's Sunday roast with all the trimmings is very popular. Choose from beef, lamb or turkey. Prices start at £7.95 for one course, £9.95 for two and £11.95 for three. Served midday to 4.30pm.

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London Beach
Tenterden

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On the menu...
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The Black Pig
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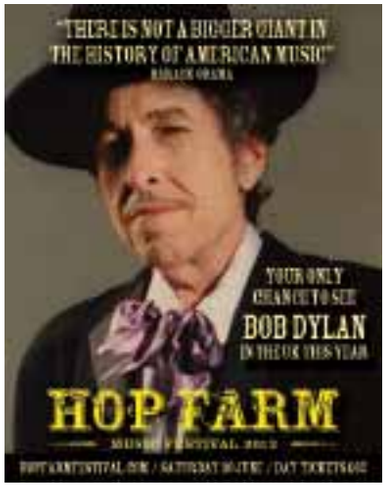

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Tony Tuff joins reggae ravers

One Love

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood
Friday to Sunday, August 10-12
0843 224 9001
www.onelovefestival.co.uk

THIS summer's One Love Festival has released its timetable as well as the £10 day-ticket camping pass and VIP exclusive tickets.

It has also been confirmed that reggae legend Tony Tuff has joined the line-up.

The fifth annual One Love Festival, to be held at The Hop Farm will celebrate 50 years of Jamaican independence as well as top reggae names.

Straight from the West Indies, legend Freddie McGregor, left, and Dancehall King Frankie Paul headline the festival, which is packed full of more new-school dubstep bands as well.

Also at the festival are Fun Lovin' Criminals duo Fast and Frank Benbini, known as Radio Riddlers.

Earnest effort of rascal duo

Wilde updated

Smallhythe Place, Tenterden
Sunday, June 24
0844 249 1895

THE Pantaloons theatre company is bringing its fast-paced production of The Importance Of Being Earnest to Kent's open-air venues.

Next week, Smallhythe Place in Tenterden will host the group's adapatation of Oscar Wilde's classic comedy, Everybody Loves Ernest.

In fact, Cecily and Gwendolen are both engaged to Ernest. The only trouble is, Ernest doesn't exist. Or does he? Best friends Jack and Algy have created alter-egos to win the affections of their beloveds – but where will they stop?

The Pantaloons' production adds a contemporary twist to a popular play. The audience will be met by butlers who will direct people to their seats and open their Champagne.

See www.thepantaloons.co.uk for more details.

TNA's wrestling gem

Fighting Mike Haskins

White Oak Leisure Centre, Swanley
Saturday, June 23, at 6.15pm
web www.ipwuk.com; phone 07795 324278
Tickets £12 adults, £9 children, £35 family ticket

THE UK franchise of International Pro Wrestling heads to White Oak Leisure Centre in Swanley this month with its jewel in the crown Mark Haskins ready to fight.

The IPW:UK presents Royal Rewards 2012, featuring the Oxford wrestler who has recently made it into Amercian wrestling group TNA.

There will be a buzz about Haskins's performance after his abilities were delivered to a worldwide audience via the pay-per-view American show.

With a roster of stars, Kent company IPW:UK has gone to the next level, recording interviews and matches on its website to satisfy the fans.

Numbers add up at festival

Boutique bash

West Heath School, Sevenoaks
Saturday, June 30, at 3pm
www.lawnfest.co.uk

THE boutique music event LawnFest returns this year bigger and better than ever.

The one-day festival, which raises money for the AlFayed Charitable Foundation for children, has bagged top rockers The Magic Numbers to headline the gig.

The band have enjoyed huge success over the past few years, with This Is A Song, Forever Lost and Love's A Game among their biggest and best-loved hits.

Elsewhere on the bill comes Cleo Sol, dubbed as "one to watch" by MTV and MOBO magazine, while EastEnders actress Lindsey Coulson (aka Carol Jackson) will be story-telling in the children's area, where many other activities will take place during the day.

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This is an art attack
Neil Buchanan

Woods Restaurant, Tunbridge Wells
Tuesday, July 17-Sunday, September 9
www.woodsrestaurant.co.uk
www.neilbuchanan.co.uk

BACK from his rumoured death on the internet, BAFTA-winning artist Neil Buchanan brings his new collection to Woods Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells.

The artist is best known for his his award-winning TV show Art Attack, which he presented from Maidstone TV studios to an audience of six million viewers each week.

This time he will be creating sporting mischief with a new collection of limited-edition art called Back Street Games.

Wooden crates are transformed into the winning podium, dustbins morph into hurdles and a battered fence changes into the high jump as the Naughty Sporties go on display.

Fun, farming and fine food
County show

Kent County Show, Detling
Friday to Sunday, July 13-15
01622 633060
www.kentshowground.co.uk

IT'S that time of year again when the best of Kent's arena displays, mouthwatering food, prize-winning livestock and fancy flowers come together for the county show.

This year boasts exciting new additions including Dash'n'Splash, a long-jump competition over water for dogs; a beer and cider festival with local brews; a 4x4 off-road track, children's woodland workshops; and appearances from TV's Adam Henson and John Craven.

Organised by Kent County Agricultural Society, it attracts more than 80,000 visitors keen to enjoy one of the UK's best countryside, farming and produce events. The range of animals on show attracts visitors from far and wide.

Not ready to pull the plug
Alex Horne

Quarterhouse, Folkestone
Saturday, July 14
01303 858500
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

IN 2011 Chortle Award-winner Alex Horne returned to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with three new shows.

He is best known for his solo stand-up show Seven Years In The Bathroom, the innovative jazz comedy show The Horne Section and Taskmaster II, a one-off show concluding a year-long challenge to persuade 20 of his favourite comedians to take part in a covert competition.

In the last year Horne also co-created BBC Four's comedy quiz show We Need Answers, filmed his own documentary The Games That Time Forgot and appeared on Celebrity Mastermind.

He has become BBC Radio 4's go-to comedian, taking his popularity to an all-time high.

All going off with a bang
Artistic boom

Oare Gunpowder Works, Faversham
Sunday, July 8, 10am-4pm
www.swaleartsforum.org

THE fourth annual Artists In The Woods takes place at Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park next month.

This event is to showcase the creative talent in Swale and create an awareness of the magical woodland of Oare Gunpowder Works.

There will be music, including local folk-rock group Los Salvadores, as well as child-friendly workshops led by the Litter Angels.

Big Fish arts team will be getting into the green theme while Marvellous Murals is organising a treasure hunt.

The Sittingbourne and Sheppey Writers will be reciting, while Swale Sings The World will be in full voice.

Refreshments will be available, so you can picnic on the (disused!) firing range.

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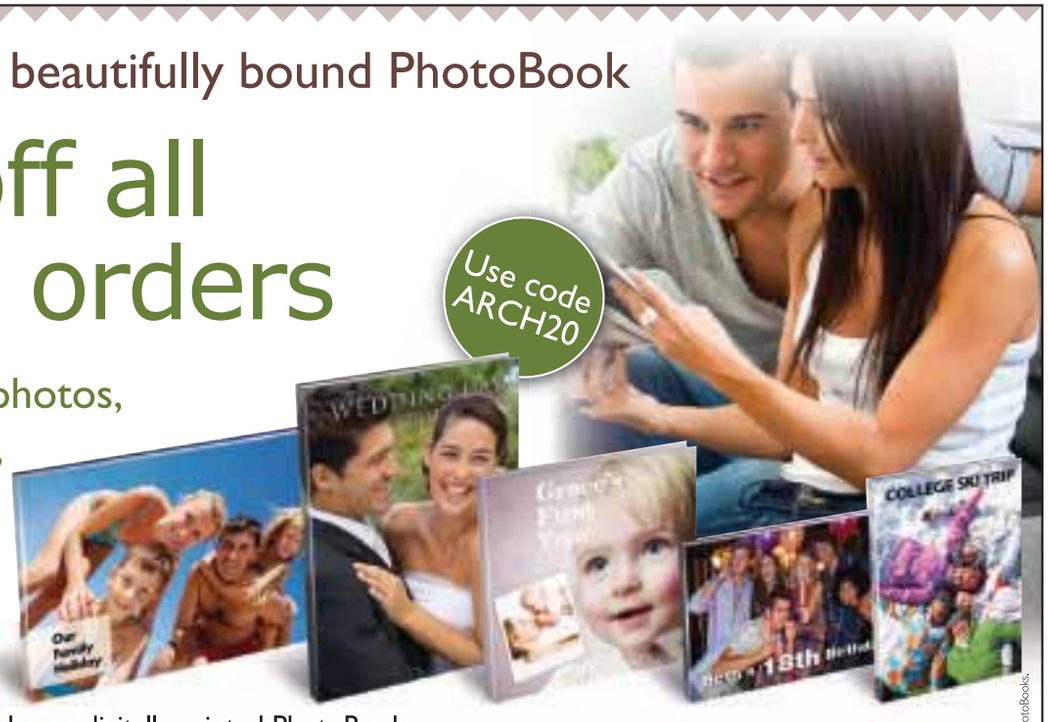

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Classic cars
Mighty models from the past

Tankerton Slopes, Whitstable
Saturday, June 23, 10am-4pm
01227 868515

TANKERTON Slopes will be transformed later this month into an arena of more than 300 classic cars, motorcylces and other interesting vehicles.

The annual Whitstable Classic Car Show is any automobile enthusiast's dream and offers motors on show that date back to 1918 with the Ford Model T, as well as Austins, MGs, Aston Martins and even a number of American specialist classics.

One of the highlights of the event will be the DeLorean that starred in the Back To The Future films.

Other attractions include a retro market, community stalls and shows from the Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions.

Also performing will be X Factor finalist Ben Mills as well as the The Electric Beatles and a range of other bands throughout the day.

Light the fuse
Towns to host bright sparks

Medway Fuse Festival
June Friday to Sunday, 15-17
01634 338141
www.fusefestival.org.uk

THE most colourful and vibrant weekend in the Medway summer calendar has arrived.

This year the festival celebrates the theme of the river, bringing all kinds of exciting outdoor entertainment to Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham.

Extraordinary sights and sounds can be enjoyed through the weekend, starting with the Illumination Parade on Friday night and continuing right through to Sunday afternoon.

Where else might you take the voyage of your life with a Submercyle, see a BMX flatlander, hear a floating festival choir, see circuses from India, France and Wales or share stories and magic in an old Shanghai tea house?

Comedy trio
Stand-ups go international

Ashford International Hotel
Friday, June 29
01233 219988
www.thecomedyclub.co.uk

THE Comedy Club returns to Ashford International Hotel with three comedians ready to tickle the guests with new routines.

Host Jason Patterson of BBC Threes's Laughter Shock will be joined by Anthony King, who is known for appearances on ITV's Mad For It and UK Gold's Live At The Jongleurs.

Headlining the Ashford show is Geoff Norcott, who is best known for Weapons Of Mass Distraction on ITV as well as GMTV's Morning Broadcasts.

Norcott's profile continues to rise with his sharp one-liners, while he has also become a presenter on many topical and sports-related shows, including a stint as main anchor on the WKD Shed Sports Show.

Example joins the bill
Back in the Lounge...

Merton Farm, Canterbury
Friday to Sunday, July 6-8
www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk
Tickets on sale now (£115)

LOUNGE On The Farm organisers have added more big names to their line-up of music and comedy.

Current darling of the UK rap scene Example joins DJ Wire for a one-off set at the festival, taking his appearances at Merton Farm to four.

Also announced on the music bill are Willy Moon, Dusky and Urban Nerds.

In the comedy tent, Howard Marks has confirmed his attendance, joining a list of stand-ups that already contains the likes of Father Ted legend Ardal O'Hanlon and Robin Ince.

Headlining the show will be The Charlatans, backed up by Emeli Sande, The Wombats, The Mystery Jets, Roots Manuva and The Milk.

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Mortgage lending increase boost for UK homebuyers

THE UK property market showed signs of improvement in April, with Bank of England figures showing mortgage approvals rising to their highest level since January.

Mortgage approvals numbered 51,823 in April, up from 51,067 in March and above analysts' forecasts.

Net mortgage lending grew by £1.139 billion, also above expectations and the biggest increase since January.

Nonetheless, the figures are well below their pre-financial crisis levels, and in real terms property prices are still about 25 per cent lower.

British real-estate developers Telford Homes and St Modwen said the residential property market in the South East remained solid.

There are fluctuations across the country, with areas in the North still perfoming poorly when it comes to house prices.

The uncertainty over the Eurozone is also a problem for the economy as a whole, say forecasters.

School-building conversion receives top marks from housing association

A NEW project by DBS Homes to convert what was once a Victorian school house in Hythe into a collection of affordable apartments and town houses has been given top marks by housing association Town & Country, which commissioned the scheme.

The development in St Leonard's Road has seen the conversion of the existing single-storey Victorian school building to residential use and the building of new homes in the former playground.

There are 33 new homes in total: 12 maisonettes, 11 town houses and 10 apartments, all of which are available for the local community through Town & Country Housing.

Guy Hollaway Architects designed the project, wanting it to blend with the surrounding area and combining modern architecture with the stone Victorian elevations of the old school house, the character of which has been meticulously preserved.

Matt Whitby, of Guy Hollaway, said: "This was a fantastic scheme to be involved with, as the original historic school building, which has been successfully converted, also provided the inspiration for the design of the new dwellings.

"We are very pleased with the completed scheme, which complements the surrounding vernacular."

Denis Minns, managing director of DBS, said he was delighted with the outcome of the scheme and the positive light in which it had been received

He said: "Regardless of whether a scheme is built for a housing association or not, our level of commitment to build quality and excellence remains high and this has been acknowledged by housing-association schemes time after time.

"Not only are we providing much-needed homes for the community in this particular scheme but we have also preserved the character of the school house to be enjoyed for generations to come.

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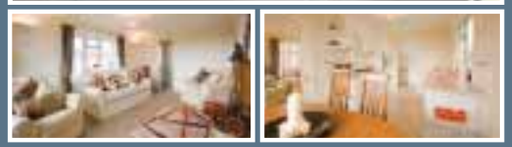

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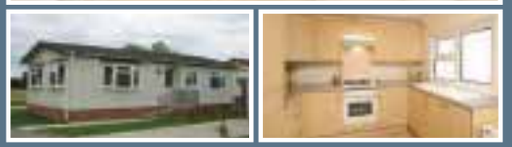

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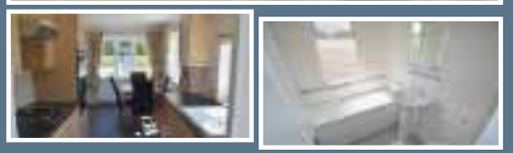

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- One of you deciding to give up their share in the property.
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Legal ownership of a home can be arranged between two or more people, as joint tenants or tenants in common. The maximum number of legal owners is four.

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IF you're buying a newly-built home, there are some key actions you can take to help prevent problems.

Find out what you need to do before and after the sale, including getting a warranty and checking the reputation of your builder.

Before buying a newly-built home, it's advisable to check whether your builder is registered with the National House Building Council (NHBC).

You can do this by calling NHBC's helpdesk on 0844 633 1000 or by searching the register on the NHBC website.

If your builder isn't registered, check that you will be offered cover from another reputable company.

It's also a good idea to:

- check the builder's reputation.
- ask to look around homes that the builder has built before and talk to previous customers.
- take time to understand the cover provided by your warranty.

You should protect your property with a good warranty provided by a reputable company.

Most new homes are protected by the NHBC 10-year Buildmark warranty and insurance. However, some builders use other warranty-providers – they should be able to give you full details of this.

Local Authority Building Control (LABC) also provides warranties.

You should ensure the final building control certificate is available if the new property is not covered by an NHBC or similar warranty.

Even if the house has a warranty, you should still get insurance. The warranty will only apply to certain problems related to the construction of the building.

Once you have exchanged contracts:

- get the warranty documents from your solicitor and read them through carefully.
- before taking possession of your home, make sure you inspect it carefully for any defects.
- wait until the home is fully completed before you move in; once you have moved in, check your new home again thoroughly.
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Driving appeal: not driven yet
Image: ★★★★★
Space: ★★★★★
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Best rival: BMW 5-Series

Second season for the nicely-polished 'Sopranos' Chrysler

WHOOOA! Tony Soprano just went legit.

For those unfamiliar with The Sopranos, the classic series about a Noo Joisey mobster and his dysfunctional family – that's blood relatives and the relatively bloody – I'm stretching a point here about the difference between the first-generation Chrysler 300C and its newly-launched replacement.

OK, Mafioso Tony Soprano never drove a 300C, but he should have done; this beefy chunk of retro-motoring Americana arrived in 2005 and really caught the imagination of British buyers.

It had Mercedes-Benz underpinnings, yet it was cheap and came 'fully loaded' with extras, as the Yanks say, and while there were gas-guzzling petrol models on offer, including the monstrous SRT with its obscenely-thirsty V8, the smooth Merc-powered diesel model was the sensible and flexible best-seller by far.

Many soon had their original American-style egg-crate grille swapped for a German aftermarket version that made the car look like a Bentley, and I'm sure we will see these soldier on for years as upmarket private hire cars.

So why the 'Tony Soprano goes legit' comment? Well, the second-generation 300C looks like it had the charm-school education Tony never had; it's smoother and classier to look at and, says Chrysler, far better built and nicer to drive, with a more upmarket cabin – it features redesigned Nappa leather seats and real wood panels on the dashboard.

The edges have been smoothed off, too – probably for the better, yet it still has the muscular Transatlantic look of the original.

It still offers great value against German premium rivals, and Fiat-owned Chrysler has gone for broke and dispensed with offering minority choices: there's no petrol option and only two high-spec trim levels.

Power comes from an all-new 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel benefiting from Fiat's renowned MultiJet diesel technology, which should deliver good power plus fuel-saving efficiency.

Even in cheaper Limited trim (£35,995), the 300C is well equipped with headline features including Rain Brake Support – to help keep the brake-pads dry for better stopping power in poor conditions – ventilated front seats and heated rears, dual-zone climate control, 8.4-inch touch-screen display, cruise-control, and 18-inch alloys.

Step up to the Executive (£39,995) and you get Blind Spot Monitoring, radar Adaptive Cruise Control – which checks your speed if you start getting too close to the car in front – a two-panel panoramic sunroof and 20-inch alloys.

My only concern is that maybe Chrysler needs to pump-prime demand further with a cheaper entry model; with the array of spec currently on show, there's surely scope for a 'cooking version' that's still choc full of luxuries rivals won't have, and at a more affordable price – hey, let's do a deal the American way.

CHARM SCHOOL: The 300C retains its attitude while also boasting a smoother and classier look

DON'T LIKE

... the fact that there is not a cheaper entry model, but Chrysler may have plans for a mid-spec, cut-price 300C further down the line

NOT SURE

... premium German marques will be quaking in their boots, but some buyers will fancy the 300C looks as a change from Teutonic stereotypes

REALLY LIKE

... the way the bullish looks of the original have been smoothed but not lost. It has that Sopranos look but more clean-cut – more legit

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Qashqai still leads the way for rival manufacturers to follow

By Steve Loader
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IT MIGHT be named after a small and nomadic Middle Eastern tribe, but the Nissan Qashqai population has exploded since it arrived in 2007.

Overnight it created a whole new car segment, the crossover – part family hatchback, part MPV and part SUV – and inspired imitators such as the Peugeot 3008, Hyundai ix35, Skoda Yeti and forthcoming Vauxhall Mokka (see story in First Gear, right).

Even Renault has belatedly recognised its sister brand's star car – it now plans a Qashqai-based model for 2015.

The French marque can only be accused of gawping while Nissan stormed the market – and did wonders for UK exports via production at the highly-efficient Nissan Sunderland plant.

For me, it's still the crossover to beat and it doesn't matter if we are talking about the £16,595 entry model or the £27,000 4x4 because the basic quality and style of the Qashqai cabin shines through whatever the price or extras fitted – even some premium marques don't get this right.

It's also airy, especially when fitted with the panoramic glass roof – optional on mid-range Acenta versions and standard on upmarket N-Tec and Tekna models.

Of course, the driver gets a fabulous view out of this high-riding vehicle, but this so often comes at the cost of blancmange handling.

Not so with the Qashqai, which has uncanny body control yet also soaks up the lumps and bumps brilliantly – a rare delight to drive in the MPV/SUV zone of the market, where later arrivals still fail to reach this benchmark.

The dashboard is well organised, with no irritating foibles and good stowage and everything seems well made and durable; for 4x4 versions there is a simple rotary selector close to the gearshift that offers economical front-wheel drive (FWD), Auto – which shifts traction to the rear wheels if a loss of grip is detected at the front – and full 4x4, allowing the transmission to be locked up to split-drive equally between both axles in icy and slippery conditions.

The car responds well and with great refinement in all modes. OK, it hasn't the ground clearance for serious off-roading, but it should deliver most of what country-dwellers need without opting for a much dearer true off-road 'yomper'.

As it is, you'll pay a modest £1,550 premium for a 4x4 Qashqai against its FWD equivalent, but it is only available on hi-spec N-Tec models and above (from £24,395).

Whether Nissan would sell more 4x4s if it offered it on the cheaper Visia and Acenta grades is an interesting point.

Fact is, though, FWD versions far outsell the 4x4s and few buyers will regret the choice since the Qashqai is such a great car to drive.

And it looks even better after a 2010 facelift that smartened the front and tidied up the side sills.

One criticism is how the rear seats don't quite fold fully flat or slide fore and aft to balance legroom against boot space – a feature some customers might seek if weighing the Qashqai's appeal against that of an MPV.

But it is nit-picking against one of the best cars on the market whatever the sector – it has a host of awards to prove it.

In choosing a powertrain, ignore the petrol engines – the 1.6-litre lacks oomph, while the 2.0 is juicy against the diesels.

The small 1.5 dCi diesel is a peach, but you will need the 1.6dCi or 2.0 dCi if you want a 4x4 diesel; the 1.6dCi as tested here is a cracker – sporty and refined and offering an official combined 55.4mpg in manual 4x4 form.

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CLASS ACT: Nissan created a new sector in motoring when it introduced the Qashqui to the public in 2007 and has continued to lead the way despite rivals trying to follow suit

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Skoda says go Citigo and save cash

By Steve Loader
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DOWNSIZING your car is all the rage – economically and ecologically. So it's no wonder the city-car sector is booming.

Value-brand Skoda joined the party this month, adding an all-new and its smallest model to a line-up that is now six-strong.

And while it's rather aptly known as the Citigo, it's one tiny car that can tackle motorways with astonishingly good refinement for its size.

Let's say right away that it does have two major competitors: the VW Up and Seat Mii, basically the same car beneath simple cosmetics inside and out.

While this may smack of badge-engineering from parent group Volkswagen Audi, the potential profit margins on small cars make it a necessity – Toyota, Citroën and Peugeot also collaborated on a city car to produce the rival Aygo, C1 and 107 respectively.

But where Skoda appears to have the edge over its sister brands is in delivering the best value across the range, with a typically generous standard spec and prices from just £7,630 for three-door versions – five-door models cost £350. Finance deals are on offer for as little as £75 a month.

And those who pay the bare minimum won't feel cheated because the Citigo's long-wheelbase/wheel-at-each-corner format offers a good ride for its size and excellent room front and back while still delivering the best boot space in class.

If you were expecting a catch in the driver-experience department, though, forget it: the Citigo and its sisters deliver lots of fun, with point-and-shoot handling that augurs well for any performance offshoots.

For now, though, power comes from a 60 or 75PS (59 or 74bhp) 1.0-litre three-cylinder 999cc that delivers a frantic thrumming noise typical of the format if you choose to exploit a claimed 0-60mph of around 14-15 seconds, depending on which output you go for and whether you choose the five-speed manual or auto gearbox. But the Citigo is more about saving money than racing around: low CO_2 emissions mean that all models attract no road tax in year one and either zero or £20/year thereafter, while the official combined fuel consumption ranges from 62.8 to 68.9mpg depending on model.

It's also a safe small car, with a maximum five-star Euro NCAP safety rating.

But while economy and safety are vital to cost-conscious consumers, they will also be impressed by the Citigo's comfort levels for its size and price; the car handles thumps and bumps well and also cruises comfortably.

Three trim levels are offered – S, SE and Elegance – and Skoda-dealers are gearing up to offer a wide range of customisation elements to inject some fun for buyers – expected to be mainly young or families in need of a second car.

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Fuel consumption figures for Nissan QASHQAI & QASHQAI+2 Range are: URBAN 26.4-51.4mpg (10.7-5.5L/100km), EXTRA URBAN 41.5-72.4mpg (6.8-3.9L/100km), COMBINED 34.4-62.8mpg (8.2-4.5L/100km), CO_2 emissions 194-119g/km.

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Local Peugeot dealership Robins & Day in Canterbury, will be taking the wraps off the hotly anticipated new car of 2012, the Peugeot 208, at a series of events at the dealership from Friday 22nd to Thursday, 28th June.

The events will include a 'Ride and Drive' weekend from Saturday 23rd until Sunday, 24th June, where customers will be invited along to be among the first people in the UK to drive the innovative new model, before its nationwide roll-out. Motorists will also be able to see the evolution of the 208 in the dealership, with previous models the 205, 206 and 207 on display.

The dealership will also be fundraising for BBC's Children in Need, the official charity partner for Peugeot in 2012, during the events.

Visitors will be able to take part in a raffle to win a whole host of prizes, including the use of a 208 for a weekend, service and body shop vouchers or a free valet. Little ones will also be entertained with remote controlled car racing.

In addition, Robins & Day will donate £100 to the charity for every new car sold at the dealership and £25 per Deal New or Used for the whole of June.

The new 208 model, which has been on sale in Europe since March of this year, has so far received in excess of 35,000 orders and, just two weeks after launching in the UK, pre-sales soared to more than 1,000.

The design of the 208 creates a model which is light, aerodynamic and very compact. The noticeably increased space inside the vehicle, with more room in the rear seats and a generous boot, makes the vehicle smaller on the outside yet bigger on the inside.

The new model will be available in two distinct body styles – three and five-door – with an extensive range of eight petrol and diesel engines and the latest generation of Stop & Start System (e-HDi) technology.

Tim Franklin, dealer principal at Robins & Day Canterbury commented: "The 208 launch is certainly one of the highlights in the motoring calendar and it's been exciting to share the first glimpse of the new model with our customers. With its unique style, advanced technical features and unique eco-design and benefits, this supermini is set to make a huge impression with motorists in Canterbury."

The Peugeot 208 is also available with Peugeot's innovative Just Add Fuel™ personal finance package, buyers can drive away with three years' fully comprehensive insurance (available from 21 years of age), three years' warranty, three years' servicing and three years' roadside assistance, with single monthly payments starting from just £178.95 per month with a deposit of £1,589.00 (208 Access one-litre, three-door model).

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FOOTBALL

Former Gills ace on life out of the sport's fast lane

By Greg Miles
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ON a checklist of things not to joke about with your employers, especially if they run a football club, would be telling them to sack you.

But Mark Saunders could take or leave management, and if the worst came to the worst the former Gillingham midfielder would go back to kicking a ball about with his mates.

It's been a tough 18 months for the man who made 201 appearances at Priestfield over eight years, after taking over as manager at Evostick League South & West Division side Tiverton Town.

It completes a full circle for the 40-year-old as he made his debut at Tivvy before moving on to Plymouth and eventually Gillingham in 1998.

He was promoted from assistant manager initially on a temporary basis in 2010 after former Rangers player Chris Vinnicombe left by mutual consent.

"I could take it or leave it," he said. "I only got the job because I was playing and Chris Vinnicombe left. They asked me if I could take it for a couple of games, I said I would take it on until the end of the season. I didn't want any extra money for it.

"At the end of that season they said will you do it again and it's been 18 months now. If they said 'sorry Mark we're letting you go', I wouldn't lose any sleep. I would just go and have a laugh with my mates in the Mickey Mouse league.

"The board know I'm up front and honest, I keep saying 'go on sack me', having a laugh and a joke with them."

But jokes aside he has found it a challenge: "It's been tough, very tough in terms of trying to manage budgets that keep getting cut; trying to keep hold of players. At this level players are only interested in the money side of things, you're always trying to persuade people to stay.

"We have got quite a reasonable side together now with a mixture of experienced ex-pros and good up and coming players.

"It's a totally different ball game in non-league, you don't know who you're going to get turning up. Kids nowadays can't think for themselves; it's hard work."

In terms of influence, Saunders has had some reasonably successful managers to learn from, with Peter Taylor and Tony Pulis at the top of the list as his favourite tutors.

"Taylor was an exceptional coach, and Pulis could get the best out of his players, but if you crossed him you knew you crossed him," he said. "They are both good managers in their own right.

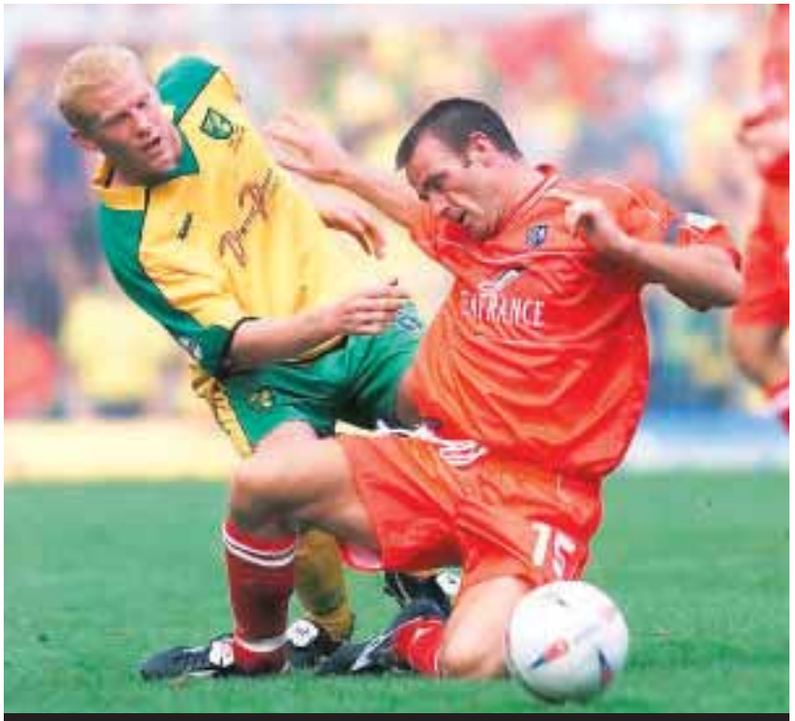
"The only thing I kept, because a lot of it stays in your head, and you make it up as you go along, was the record of everything we did in pre-season training every day."

A broken leg spelled the end of his career at Gillingham, before he went on to play at Folkestone and then Tiverton again. But who knows what may have happened had he not moved back home.

"Gillingham's a really good club, I really enjoyed my time up there, I didn't want to move back home but my wife wanted to move back to Exeter where I'm from," he said.

"I would quite easily have stayed in Kent, but she won the argument.

"I was back at the end of season party. I'm still good friends with Mark Patterson and Andy (Hessanthaler) , and Trigger (Nicky Southall)."



MEMORIES OF LIFE AT PRIESTFIELD ALL BOXED UP

RETIREMENT triggers different reactions for some footballers with trophies, medals and photos adorning every wall and shelf, but while Mark Saunders has a box-full of memories from his career it is quite literally a box, in his loft.

Apart from two photos on his wall from the FA Cup quarter final against Chelsea in 2001 all of his shirts are tucked away out of sight - including one which Guy Butters was desperate to get his hands on.

"I had Zola's shirt," he said. "Guy Butters ran over to me with 15 minutes to go and said 'I wanted his shirt', and I said 'it's who you know'.

"My lad, who is a Chelsea supporter, keeps wanting me to get it out. But it's in the loft with all my other Gillingham shirts.

"I have only got two pictures on the wall, from the Chelsea game. I don't really go in for things like that. I have got a little scrap book."

While there were plenty of happy times, he also suffered the heartache of breaking his leg in 2005, but it proved to him what he already knew.

"I wasn't too sad when it did happen.

"In the time out injured I didn't really miss it. Ronnie Jepson [then Gillingham manager] offered me a six-month deal, and I thought 'I don't really want this'. I thought I would only be stopping somebody else playing.

"Most people hate their jobs, or dislike them, football isn't much different, some like it and some just fall out of love in the end.

"I'm one of those I suppose."

PRESSURE: Holmes knows what the athletes are going through

OLYMPICS

Holmes knows it's a crucial time for Olympic hopefuls as pressure grows

WITH just over a month to go until the Olympics starts, double gold winner Dame Kelly Holmes knows it is a make or break time for athletes, and not just for those who are awaiting selection.

Even athletes who have already been selected will be under immense pressure as the media hype grows, and there are the final few who are yet to know their fate with the final trial events taking place in the coming weeks.

The main trial takes place next weekend in Birmingham with a number of Kent stars still vying for places, 400m hurdler Jack Green, decathlete Martin Brockman, middle-distance ace Lisa Dobriskey, and sprinter Montell Douglas to name a few.

Holmes, from Hildenborough, said it is a unique time for athletes as they deal with the countdown in different ways.

"I think it's a unique time for them and quite hard as well," she said.

"Normally six weeks before a Games, you wouldn't have the media exposure, there wouldn't be so much emphasis on it as you're normally out of the country competing, but being in the home country it's different.

"It's going to affect some more than others, some will lap it up and enjoy it and some will falter at the last hurdle. You just hope that obviously those that are going for their first experience have a brilliant one."

She said athletes will be wanting time to stand still while the public begin the countdown.

She said: "The biggest thing at this time is selection, even though we are thinking about 40 days time and the opening ceremony most are thinking about staying injury free, the here and now, this weekend and next weekend not a couple of months time. They are glad they've got that amount of time left.

"For 75 per cent it will be in the first time they have taken part in an Olympic Games. You can imagine because it's on home turf there's the excitement and disbelief they are in the team. It's going to be overwhelming as much as it's exciting.

"You're going to have different categories, those overwhelmed and excited, and those who have done many world championships, and those that have been before who just need to contend with the media hype and to remember what they normally do in preparation time."

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FOOTBALL

Search goes on as second round of interviews starts

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GILLINGHAM fans will have to wait a little while longer before a new manager is announced as chairman Paul Scally gets ready for the second round of interviews.

It has been over a month since Andy Hessenthaler stepped down as manager at Priestfield, and the wait for his replacement looks set to go on for a few more weeks yet as Scally refines his shortlist.

The first round of interviews has now been concluded and now the ones who impressed will have to go through a second grilling for the job in the coming weeks.

Although one of the favourites for the job, former Gills coach Mark Robson won't be on that list after becoming boss at Barnet last weekend.

Others to be interviewed include former Southend United boss Steve Tilson and Bristol City manager Keith Millen.

And two men who refused to rule themselves out, or in, are Martin Allen and Lee Clark, but the latter is also favourite with the bookies to take over at Birmingham following Chris Hughton's appointment at Norwich City.

Another name on the lips of fans is Peter Taylor, but it's unclear whether he would want to leave his job as national coach of Bahrain.

"The process is continuing," he said. "I have seen all the managers I want to see, all of the first interviews are done.

"Unfortunately it's holiday mode for managers and football people so it's been difficult. So many of the people I have needed to talk to have been away, I have had to wait, so it's taken a lot longer than it would if it had been in season.

"It won't be until the last week of June, it will be before the players come back."

He said the calibre of applicants has been impressive, but warned that a good CV wouldn't mean a candidate would be a success at the club.

"It's been very high, I have been very impressed, that's what has made it so difficult," Scally said.

"They are all good managers and will bring something different to the party, but there's no guarantee that because they have done something elsewhere they will do it here.

"It's a risk, everything is a risk – there are no guarantees on anything."

Picture: ADY KERRY

IMPRESSED: Chairman Paul Scally has been happy with the quality of applicants for the Gills job

MOTORSPORT

Rally driver selling trophies in a desperate attempt to race

MAIDSTONE rally driver Louise Cook is hoping to sell her trophies on eBay to fund her entry into the New Zealand Rally Championship.

Cook, the British Ladies Rally Champion, needs to raise £17,000 in order to enter the event which takes place on June 21-24, and if she fails she will be excluded from the World Rally Championship, and will face a £60,000 fine for missing the remaining four rounds, as well as losing her licence.

She said: "It was a brave step, maybe too brave, but I believe you can only go for things whole heartedly and give them everything to make them work."

The rules of the WRC mean drivers must nominate their rounds at the beginning of the year and Cook chose only one of the long haul rallies from the three available on the calendar in order to minimise the cost and to maximise the time between Rallye Monte-Carlo and the second round of the championship to try to build a window to bring in the required sponsorship.

She said: "I am on the phone night and day at the moment to gain some support. The UK by day and New Zealand by night. I am trying everything but the budget is huge for New Zealand Rally.

"It is a bit extreme to some, but there is only one trophy I want in my collection and that is the World Rally Championship Trophy."

Cook is currently fifth in the Production World Rally standings, but that would count for nothing if she is excluded from the series.

If you can help you can email her at louise@rallyteamgb.com or visit www.cutecookie.co.uk/sponsorship.htm.

CASH: Cook's trophies are on eBay

HOCKEY

England's indoor hockey coach scoops top award

HEAD coach of EuroCanterbury ladies Nick Clark has picked up the prestigious accolade of Performance Coach of the Season from the England Hockey Board.

Clark, who took over at Polo Farm in August, 2010, is also the England Women's indoor team coach.

He has led them to promotion in European indoor hockey's top flight after a successful campaign in Denmark in January with victories over Switzerland, Lithuania and Slovakia.

He has also had a successful campaign with Canterbury in the Investec Women's Hockey League finishing third in the league.

He is yet to clap eyes on his prize as he wasn't able to make the awards ceremony because he was coaching the England side in Ireland where they won 4-0 and drew 1-1.

Clark, who is director of sport at Kent College said: "I have been involved for some time and you just get on with it after a while. You never expect it.

"It is very nice to be recognised. I have been working with the indoor team for four years now and it's gone really well so it's nice for that achievement to be recognised.

"I have had quite a good year really, the Canterbury team has gone reasonably well, not as well as I wanted, but the England indoor team has gone well in terms of our results."

Picture: ADY KERRY

PROUD: Clark happy with award

CRICKET

CHALLENGE: Davies is looking forward to t20

Rain a pain for players but Key is in tune to keep their spirits up

THE torrid weather has been as frustrating for Kent's players as it has been for the fans, which begs the question what do cricketers do while they watch the rain pour down?

In between the horrendous rain at Tunbridge Wells' Nevill Ground last week in the matches against Hampshire and Northamptonshire, captain Rob Key like a true skipper led the way in keeping everyone entertained.

In a moment reminiscent of Cliff Richard at Wimbledon, Key picked up the microphone and began miming to a classical number which eventually led to a full-blown kareoke session, with comparisons being made to Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts by team mates.

For bowler Mark Davies it provided some light relief from a week which barely saw any action.

"Tunbridge Wells was a nightmare, we spent a lot of time in the dressing room, it didn't have any windows in it," he said. "It was sad to see because it looked like it was going to be a good place to play.

"As far as what we got up to I am sure you can imagine, all sorts was going on."

The musical fun didn't stop with Key's singing, as he then acted as DJ.

"The only problem with that was the music was coming from Keysey's iPod," said Davies.

The amusement aside, the lack of playing time is a double-edged sword for the players as while they will feel refreshed for the t20 clash against Beckenham this Sunday, a lack of playing time is also not ideal.

"It's hard to get into a rhythm if you're constantly on and off," he said. "The good side is that because we have played a lot of cricket we can get a rest, it can only help us.

"I am sure the lads will be feeling a bit fresher from not spending time in the field. I fully expect us to hit the ground running on Sunday."

Davies is happy to be involved in the t20 competition having rarely featured in it at his previous county Durham.

He said: "For me it's a refreshing change to go from playing in four-day cricket. It's something completely different, it's an exciting form of the game.

"I didn't play a great deal of t20 at Durham. If I'm batting at 11 and I get in don't expect to see me getting many sixes, I will just be trying to get the other guy on strike."

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